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My name is Gary Horsman and I'm running for the position of Chairperson for BCGEU Local 2005. Aside from a year working for Saskatchewan Fire Mgmt, I have spent the last 30 years working for the BC Wildfire Service. My current position is Senior Wildfire Officer Aviation in the Kamloops Fire Center. Previous to that I worked as an Air Attack Officer with the Provincial Air Tanker Program. My early years in BCWS were spent as an auxiliary on a fire crew and I am very familiar with the challenges and demands of being an auxiliary employee in the BCGEU.

My family and I have lived in Kamloops for almost 10 years (love it here!!!) and my wife is a teacher in SD73. Our two daughters attend local schools and are actively involved in sports, skiing and slinging pizzas at Dominos.

I feel I can bring a strong work ethic and integrity to the position of Chairperson. My hope is that by working with the BCGEU, we can focus on the upcoming bargaining session to maximize gains for all members of the Union, including auxiliaries, after several years of mediocre gains. As well, I would like to see the BCGEU refocus on its role as an organization paid for and supported by employees, and step back from its role as a political organization and agent for social change.

I look forward to the opportunity to represent members of Local 2005 and will thank you in advance for your support. Cheers, Gary

