

To: UBCIC Electoral Officer
Re: Kyle Alec – UBCIC Youth Representative Candidate

My name is Kyle Alec I am a member of the Penticton Indian Band and come from the Syilx (Okanagan) and Secwepemc (Shuswap) Nations. My parents are Elaine Alec and Davis George both from the Okanagan Nation. My grandparents on my father's side are Raymond and Susan George and my grandparents on my mother's side are Sophie Alec and the late Saul "Kenzie" Basil.

I am a hunter and have helped provide for my grandparents since the age of 10. I have been a grass dancer my whole life and travelled extensively throughout North America with my family dancing and observing. I have been mentored by my mother, Elaine Alec who raised me in the world around business and to be self driven and to work for what I want.

I also grew up around my grandparents who taught me to be respectful to everyone and treat all women and men equally, I was taught to help those who were unable to help themselves. I did so many things with my grandparents from a young age that made me who I am today from chopping wood to working in the hay field or making sure our family horses were taken care of. They were some of the most influential people in my life and I hope more youth spend time with their grandparents while they can.

I would like to put my name forward for the Union of BC Indian Chiefs (UBCIC) Youth Representative. The mandate of the UBCIC is to get recognition of our inherent right to our title and rights and to protect our land and water and to strengthen all nations to assert their own title and rights by working together and having one voice together and the constitution talks about the importance of education, woman, youth and elders. I know this position is minimally funded and is not supported or covered to attend meetings but I am willing to.

The woman's representative goes to meetings and reports on issues and files concerning women area so I believe that I would do the same and my role would be:

- To attend as many meeting as I could so I could listen to presenters from other nations and learn of different problems and solutions around our province as well as learn others protocols and traditions.
- Learn and seek guidance from some of the best leaders on title and rights.
- Talk to youth and ask them what they want for our land and resources such as water, forests and wild life and how they want it to be protected or used.
- I want to give the youth a voice that they need and bring it to the table so they feel like they are heard.

I will actively look for youth events in the province so I would be able to attend and hear from our youth from all our nations and I would also like to thank everyone for your time, my name is Kyle Alec and I would like to thank everyone for this opportunity.