

Personal Profile: William John

Educational History

- Attended BCHS in Bonnyville and graduated in 1991.
- Moved to Edmonton to attend school at the University of Alberta (1992)
- Graduated with a degree in Native Studies and minor in Anthropology (1997)
- Train the Trainer Program NAIT (1999) Auditor Training (2000) Alta Construction Safety Assoc.

Employment History

- Continental Construction summer (1996) (1997) General construction worker and road maintenance worker. Supervised a gas line painting crew.
- Kehewin Health Services (1997 -1998) Health Planning Assistant. Assisted the Health Director with planning of community based Health initiatives and conducted Health Research.
- Kehewin Economic Development (1998) Assisted with the creation of the original Kehewin General Store Proposal by attaining research with various members on spending habits.
- Kehewin Social Development (1999) Helped to coordinate a Personal Enhancement Program with a number of on Reserve Clients to deliver a series of Workshops and part time employment
- Education Manager (1999 – 2002) Oversaw, both schools and Student Transportation as well as the Post-Secondary Program. Was responsible for teacher recruitment, organizing the Education committee and worked with INAC to enhance service and program delivery.

Council History

- Was first elected in (2002) and have remained as a member of Council since.
- First held the education portfolio (2002) and immediately began to advocate for a new school. With Councils support bus service was restricted to Kehewin only. Developed the revised student award program with assistance from Child and Family Services. While working with our Member of Parliament was able to secure a private meeting with Indian Affairs Minister Chuck Strahl to discuss a strategy on going forward with the New School.
- (2008) continued the dialogue on the new school project and with the MP's help was able to secure meetings with the Minister of Energy and Treasury Board Chairman. In June 2009 received verbal confirmation that the Band would receive 5.0 million dollars towards construction. For the next two years I advocated with several Oil and Gas companies to assist with the funding of the new Project.
- School project was halted due to Federally imposed Third Party Management. Leadership was able to pay down over 2 million in debt without Third Party Assistance during that time.
- Supported new housing ventures that enabled 70 plus families to move in to these homes.
- Started a dialogue with the First Nations Financial Authority about leveraging band revenue streams to increase capacity for local economic development ventures. The Band received official notification from this Authority on January 24, 2018. The official paper showing this designation was received on August 1, 2018.
- Assisted with new proposals and have successfully received over 1.2 million dollars in the first year of this current term. Currently, developing a new business model for a new Greenhouse.
- Helped to increase our Traditional Map (Fox Creek, Hinton, Edson) this will enable our Nation to be consulted on any new projects in these areas and provide possible contractual work.