

Vote Sophia Lachance

For legislator



Who am I?

My name is Sophia Lachance and I am a proud 19 year old Tsawwassen First Nation youth. This year is my first year running for council alongside my sister Amy Lachance. I am currently a full-time student at The University of British Columbia in the software engineering program. My hope is to one day do work in the environmental field using the technical skill I am developing in school.

What do I stand for?

Youth representation

As a TFN youth, there have been many times I felt my opinion was unheard or misrepresented. While I know our governance has always wanted to hear from us, I also know that I was not the only person who felt this invisibility. I think one way to give Youth a voice is to have more representation from them in important roles and to make the space for them to feel comfortable sharing their opinions. If I become legislator, I can offer my own perspective as a Youth, and I hope that I can act as a bridge between our Youth and our governance directly in legislation. I vow to listen to any Youth who feel comfortable reaching out to me, and to push for what I hear other Youth want.

Environmental sustainability

We as a nation are stewards of this land and our community's health, well-being, happiness, safety, traditional practices and access to resources relies heavily on the health of the land around us. I have a general interest in the environment which has led me to learn just how much traditionally and scientifically this is true. At this time, I do not believe it is enough to solely aim for offsetting negative climate impacts (aiming for a net zero loss), I believe it is crucial that we reverse some of what has been done and preserve what we can. I have had the pleasure of seeing some of the work that TFN currently does for the environment and if I become legislator, I aim to stand in the corner of this kind of restoration work.

LGBTQIA2S+ representation and inclusivity

In addition to being a proud member of TFN, I am also a proud member of the LGBTQIA2S+ community. There are many of our members who also fall into this intersection and I believe that it is important to have representation for our needs in our governance. Similarly to how I want to act for the Youth of our community, I hope I can offer a unique perspective in our decision making processes and hope to be a safe person for other people who are like me to reach out to as a representative for their concerns.

Why should you vote for me?

Ultimately, you should vote for me because you agree with what I stand for and want someone who cares about those topics in our legislation. That being said, I do think that I have some unique experiences which make me suitable for the position of legislator.

Experience in our policy department

I spent two summers as a summer student in our community's policy department. During my time in that position, I helped plan and carry out two major engagements with our Youth, the results from these engagements were ultimately used as a tool to help EC make certain decisions. That particular piece of experience gave me a lot of context to how much our Youth have to say, and had a huge role to play in my desire to run for legislation. Additionally, the day-to-day tasks I performed helped me form a solid understanding of our governmental system and legislative process.

Experience in the environmental field

I have spent four summers of my life doing environmental work. Three of those summers were spent working with the Raincoast Conservation Foundation. My time working with Raincoast allowed me to build a base understanding of the environment and helped me on my journey to becoming a land steward. Just this last summer, I worked with our Natural Resources and Treaty Rights and Title teams. This particular experience helped me see some of the work that TFN is doing for our lands and also helped me understand our particular capabilities and restrictions in this work. My experiences doing hands on work and research for conservation allows me to really understand the importance of land stewardship and some of the improvements that need to be made for our community to continue doing meaningful work.

Experience as a student

In my time in academia, I have been taught time and time again how to build my opinions for myself and how to analyse various forms of information. I try to work with two-eyed seeing and weave my academic knowledge with our traditional teachings. This method has provided me with the critical thinking skills that are necessary to question and understand information that is being presented and find courses of action that I feel are relevant and best for our community.



What now?

Vote

Even if it's not for me, make sure your opinion is represented in this year's election!

Attend the all candidates meeting

Come ask questions and check out the other candidates!

Contact me if you have any questions

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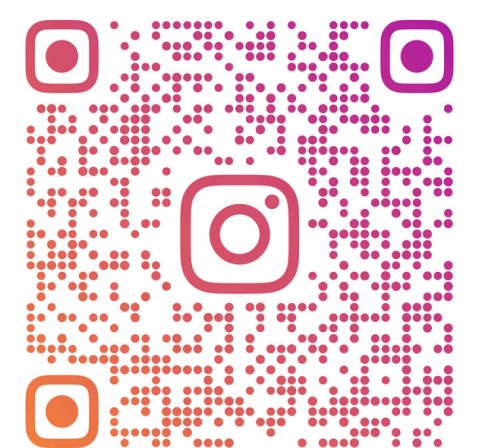
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