



I am a proud member of the Esquimalt Nation and I want to continue advancing the interests of our Nation as your Chief.

On October 3, Vote Robert Thomas for Chief

For the past 10 years, I have served this Nation in a leadership capacity both on Council and as your Chief. I have dedicated myself to strengthening our Nation's wellbeing and prosperity for the benefit of all members of the Esquimalt Nation. Working together, in a new way, my team and our administration took care of the Nation during a global health pandemic, continued to enhance the Nation's programs and services, increased grants to our members in need, ratified a Housing Plan and have nearly completed a Land Code intended to replace 44 sections of the Indian Act, so the Government of Canada no longer has a say in how the Esquimalt Nation's reserve lands are managed.

We have developed department strategic plans and continued to update our Comprehensive Community Plan to align our work with the vision and aspiration of members. We have enhanced our staff in both numbers and professional development to provide more services for our members. We have placed greater emphasis on healthcare and the education of our children, including the completion of a feasibility study for a health centre, as well as securing funds to start building by 2024. We also completed the

new construction of a 36-seat daycare and completed our Local Education Agreement with School District 61. Moreover, we are on the verge of constructing a 42 unit multi-family housing project with BC Housing that will address many of our housing needs and provide an opportunity for family members to return home. Lastly, we are in the process of negotiating the construction of a recreation centre with the Canadian Human Rights Tribunal under section 41.

This is a critical time for our Nation's future. We have momentum. We must not lose our focus. We need to complete the initiatives that are underway with our strategic partners. This is the time for a steady hand and experienced leadership. This is not the time for a change in leadership. I am asking for your continued support and your vote for myself, Robert Thomas, to become the elected Chief of the Esquimalt Nation for the next term.

With your vote, I commit to continuing to serve all members of the Esquimalt Nation in a fair, equitable and transparent manner. I commit to completing the work ahead and forging new paths for the next generation of leaders to come.

When you cast your vote, please consider selecting the following Council candidates to ensure that the necessary work ahead is achieved in a timely manner:

John Thomas, Gordon Thomas-Roy, Maude Joe, and Alicia Thomas