



VOTE FOR

SHERI SELLARS

2023 ELECTION FOR CHIEF

PROFILE

Hello, my name is Sheri Sellars, and I have resided in the community of Xat'sūll First Nation all my life. With great pride my family lineage are my great grandparents Francis Sellars who was married to Annie Sellars (nee Baptiste of ʔEsdilagh) and my paternal grandparents Percy Sellars and Angelique Sellars (nee Camille of Stswecem'c / Xget'tem First Nation) My parents are William Gilbert Sellars SR. from Cme'tem and mother Doreen Sellars (nee Chelsea from Esketemc).

The community aspect of growing up in Xat'sūll First Nation has been very nostalgic and prideful of having the ability to explore the creek fishing and swimming, climb the hills and exploring the territory on horseback for most of my childhood with other community members. During the formative years we were fortunate enough to have family ties and established relationships with other families in the community allowing growth and development of the relationships over the years.

PLATFORM

- **Getting things done Pro-active and solution oriented.**
- **Self Determination and Self-Sufficient Community**
- **Continued support to Xat'sūll members.**
- **Community Health/Wellness**
- **Completion of the 10-year Strategic Plan (Housing and Socio-Economics)**

HOBBIES

- Touring the Traditional Territory
- Gardening and Landscaping
- Travelling
- Family time
- Relaxing at home

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COMMITMENT

The community aspect of growing up in Xat'sūll First Nation instilled with a strong work ethic looking at improving the quality of life for the membership. I learned to work in every department under the guidance of Individuals like Verna Keener, (nee Bonnie) was a very strong believer in working to create opportunities for the clients to understand eligibility and personal opportunity for self-improvement. The leadership of Lenny Sellars allowed for the understanding of all programs with the development of community-based committees to provide input and support to the staff in the areas of Health, Education, Social Services and Housing to develop the education materials and policy and procedures for the administration of The Programs and Services.

Looking back from the time of the Soda Creek Gaming License, the committees and my first administrative position with the Xat'sūll First Nation; I have appreciated the continued support and opportunity to collaborate with the Councils. Each time I worked for the community a primary focal point of interest has been moving the community ahead in new initiatives and endeavors.

PROGRESSION

The band has become very sustainable in the finances with oversight of past leadership and my aspiration is to remain this way. We need to continue looking at the all our economic opportunities that we need to access through grant writing which can lead to the band's overall capacity building as well. There are so many opportunities for the community such as various partnerships, development of training opportunities, and encouragement of education to have our people realize the sky is the limit when one puts their mind to it. We can attain this through our affiliate organizations such as Cariboo Chilcotin Aboriginal Training and Education Centre (CCATEC) or any other external agencies that can offer our people training and education. As part of the strategy, the band is progression in development of systems to engage the resources in a proactive way which will allow keep XFN to move forward and seek the needs of the community on all levels such as economically and geographically. The time and commitment of the involved community members, council members have allowed progression with the following:

- Updated Limited Partnership agreement with Xat'sūll Development Corporation
 - Communication protocols
 - Reporting and
 - transparency
- Development of Xat'sūll Tmicw Resources partnership
 - Archaeology done by Xatsull First Nation.
 - Environmental
- Incremental Treaty agreement of the selection and developmental of the Ranch
 - Freezer for each household and continued beef disbursements
- Developmental of the future gas bar with implementation
- In development of updating the Election Code
- Development of Strategic 10 Year Plan
- Housing:
 - Mortgage payout of the CMHC Housing
 - No longer under the old regime of CMHC
 - Completion of the Renovation and Reporting to the Housing department from 2018
 - Development of a Study to implement a Housing strategy.
 - Building of triplex housing unit in new fiscal.
- Specific Claims Negotiations

I am very proud throughout the four (4) years going through Covid 19; with all the required isolation and loss the council worked to best assist the community as a whole. The loss and despair felt by anyone individual went through, my heart goes out to all as we continue to persevere and come back together. This has had me to reflect on my own health and wellness and how we as a community can move forward in personal healing after the grief and loss. As well as, the recent announcement of residential school findings looking at all the pain, anguish and suffering creates another focal point council must establish supportive measures. However, we know many of our council and community will always draw the family and members that provide us our strength and wisdom moving forward individually and collectively.