

**Response to the Nuu-chah-nulth Nations questionnaire from
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As the BC Refed candidate, we are committed to bring Direct Democracy to the Province of BC, One of the biggest reasons I joined this party, and am running for it is enshrined as the number one policy that brings a BC Constitution to British Columbia, it reads: Declare the citizens in this province to be the sole source of political rights in BC, allowing the citizens to write a constitution that will define and limit the powers they grant to government.

In the constitution, it has many opportunities to once and for all give every one a say in how policies, etcetera are to be achieved. First nations rights and concerns would all be addressed, as we have seen how negotiations have been dragged on and on by the current system, costing everyone millions of dollars and achieving no substantial long term benefits. It is here the First nations would be a participant in government rather than a participant in negotiations to help create the solution, rather than having everyone divided over the treaty rights negotiations....

I do understand the issues, and through Direct Democracy the final answer is decided upon by the first nations, and not politicians who want your vote, and yet promote division amongst all people. I am going to quote Simon Lucas, an excellent orator, his words have stuck with me and resonated inside since 1983:

Before the white man came, we worked hard for 6 months of the year gathering food, and in the 6 months of winter we potlatch, everyone was well taken care of, then along comes the white man, and says we have a better way! Those words have had a very strong influence, and that is the reason I am running..... we are all human, and we have more in common than what most people do understand.

I hope this has answered all of your questions, We in the BC Refed believe keeping it straight forward, We look for solutions, and the only way this can be accomplished is by having everyone participate in a growing event that will benefit all of us!

Sincerely
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