

TEAM

AARON

## Aaron Sumexheltza

Re-elect as President



### About Aaron

Aaron Sumexheltza (phonetically: Shoo-muh-hetsa), was born in Merritt and is of Nlaka'pamux descent. Growing up, Aaron was raised primarily by his mother who taught him the importance of family, hard work, and taking care of the environment. Aaron currently lives in Merritt with his wife and two children.

Aaron attended California State University in Sacramento where he completed a Bachelor of Arts degree in Environmental Studies and then went on to study law at the University of British Columbia. Aaron has been a lawyer for over fifteen years, serving Indigenous people and those from other equity-seeking groups. He also spent a number of years representing survivors of the Indian residential school system who were seeking compensation for the significant harm and trauma they suffered through those experiences.

### Team Aaron

Strong leadership means having an experienced and diverse team to guide our movement to victory in the 2024 provincial election. Our team is excited to get to work.

Winning requires a collective effort. We must run strong campaigns across every region and ensure our candidates are ready and supported. Our team has the ability to meet this challenge and protect the important gains that make our communities strong.

In 2021, we set out to strengthen our party, promote inclusivity and ready our activists for future elections. Together, we have achieved significant milestones: electing

Between 2013 and 2022, Aaron served as an elected Chief and Councillor of the Lower Nicola Indian Band. Aaron is proud that his Band developed a large community solar project in British Columbia. This project not only reduced its carbon footprint but also created good-paying jobs for members of our community. Aaron has served as a director on a number of provincial and corporate boards primarily focused on economic development in rural and Indigenous communities.

Aaron has supported the NDP his entire life and has been a member since 2013. In the last provincial election, Aaron ran as a candidate in his home constituency of Fraser-Nicola and became the BC NDP's first-ever Indigenous President in 2021.

our first Equity Vice-President, updating the equity mandate, and launching a youth battleground program to empower activists across the province. Two successful by-elections helped to skill up new volunteers and campaign staff, and our record-breaking Forward conference trained 400 activists for the next election.

Our progress is a testament to the leadership of all our party volunteers and activists guiding our movement. We are proud to be part of the team advancing what matters to all British Columbians.

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**Aaron Sumexheltza**



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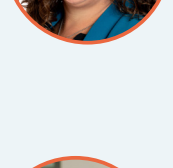
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(Labour)\*

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\* Candidates will be elected by members of the Equity or Labour caucuses.