



Haida Nation

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Council of the Haida Nation Appoints Stephen “Buck” Grosse as Vice President

The Council of the Haida Nation is pleased to announce the appointment of Stephen “Buck” Grosse as Vice President of the Haida Nation as per article 7 section 26 of the Haida Nation Constitution.

Having served as an elected representative for Gaw Tlagée Old Massett since 2015 and as a member of the executive committee since 2019, Buck brings with him extensive experience and knowledge of the work of the CHN as he steps into this leadership role for the remainder of the term.

The new Vice President is grateful and appreciative of the support and trust placed in him. “This is an exciting opportunity and important time for the Haida Nation and I will work hard to ensure we have a smooth transition. I’m honoured to have the support of the CHN to step in as Vice President,” says Buck.

“I would like to also say Haaw’aa to my family and all who have supported me and encouraged me to put my name forward for the role. I would also like to acknowledge outgoing Vice President, Ginn Wadluu un Uula Isdaa Ayaagang *Trevor Russ* for all of his years of service to the Nation and I’m looking forward to working closely with President Gaagwiis over the next year. Haaw’aa.”

“Buck has been a strong and reliable elected representative for many years and I know he will be able to step in right away and support in all areas. He’s a team player and a good listener and I’m confident together we will continue to move forward the mandate given to us by Haida Nation,” says Gaagwiis, President of the Haida Nation.

The CHN has also decided not to fill the regional representative vacancy created in this process, there is confidence the remaining representatives can carry out the responsibilities of the role over the next year.

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About the Council of the Haida Nation:

The Haida Nation is the rightful heir to Haida Gwaii. Our culture is born of respect; and intimacy with the land and sea and the air around us. Like the forests, the roots of our people are intertwined such that the greatest troubles cannot overcome us. We owe our existence to Haida Gwaii. The living generation accepts the responsibility to ensure that our heritage is passed on to following generations. On these islands our ancestors lived and died and here too, we will make our homes until called away to join them in the great beyond.