

### **Moriah Cootes: Legislative & Executive Councillor**

Uklahmah Moriah Cootes; I am the first born of Wilfred Kelly Cootes Jr.

The betterment and uuathluk of our people is something I have always held close to my heart, and I hope to be able to continue this passion for many years.

I am incredibly thankful for the support of my family, and am looking forward to doing everything I can during my term.



### **Clifford Charles: Legislative Councillor**

Tyee Hawiuh Clifford Charles was born to Martin & Cecelia Charles. His father carried the chieftainship and passed this onto him.

Clifford has since April 2011, transferred from his mothers tribe to the Uchucklesaht Tribe Government and is seated as the Tyee Ha'wiih— Uchucklesaht Tribe Legislative Councillor.

Clifford is a retired Canadian Coast Guard seaman with 37 years of service based out of CCG Station Bamfield.



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## **Uchucklesaht Government**

**Congratulations to all of the elected Chief and Council. The Legislative and Executive Government consists of the following:**

1. Wilfred Cootes Jr. Chief Councillor & Executive of Economic Development
2. Moriah Cootes Legislative Councillor & Executive of Lands & Resources
3. Thomas Rush Legislative Councillor & Executive of Human Services
4. Regina Frank Legislative Councillor & Executive Secretary/Treasurer
5. Clifford Charles Legislative Councillor
6. Sabrina Crowley Legislative Councillor

The Uchucklesaht Tribe Legislature and Executive are committed to working towards a positive and strong path of independence and self governance on behalf of the Uchucklesaht People.

It is important for the Uchucklesaht Tribe Government to ensure a vibrant and healthy nation, operations, and community that meets the needs of the Uchucklesaht Tribe People.

The Chief Councillor and Family Councillors are elected by the Enrollees of the Uchucklesaht Tribe every four years and must meet the requirements as set out in the Uchucklesaht Tribe Acts and Constitution.

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## CHIEF & COUNCIL INTRODUCTIONS

### Wilfred Cootes Jr.: Chief Councillor & Executive Councillor

Wilfred Cootes was born in Port Alberni on September 2, 1978 to parents Wilfred and Susan Cootes. He is the father of five children, Moriah, Serra, Hunter, Oliver, and Wilfred.

He was elected in the Uchucklesaht Tribe's first election in 2011 under Treaty and has been acclimated three times since, in 2015, 2019 and in November 2023 as the elected Chief Councillor for the Uchucklesaht Tribe Government.

He was the only appointed board member at the ACRD since joining in 2014 until 2023. He has also sat on many other boards and committees over the last 12 years in Government.

I might also add that I look forward to working for my Nation and it is a honour to serve my people. I am honoured to work with the Executive in this next term.

### Regina Frank: Legislative & Executive Councillor

I am Regina Frank, I am proud to be from the Rush families. My mother is Gloria Frank (Rush) and my father was late John O. Frank of Ahousaht.

I transferred tribes around 2010 into Uchucklesaht to get to know my mother's roots. I joined the legislature around 2015 and I am happy to be running with my third term on the Legislative team.



**Sabrina Crowley** (Traditional Name - Huu-yiik: which means dancer) **Legislative Councillor**, holds the Robinson Family Councillor seat. She is from the Robinson and Rush Family. Her parents are Phyllis and John Halvorsen and late grandparents Samson and Helen Robinson.

Sabrina grew up in the village of Eht-lateese until she had to move away to further her education obtaining a Bachelor of Science degree in Fisheries and Aquaculture and is also a registered professional biologist.

Crowley is also the owner and operator of Casanova Seafoods Inc., a shellfish aquaculture farm located in Barkley Sound and is a mother of two boys Colton and Chase and her husband is Andy Crowley.

Family, Culture and the Nation are important to Sabrina and she is looking forward to working on the Uchucklesaht Tribe Legislature and to benefit the people of Uchucklesaht and the future generations to come.

### Thomas Rush: Legislative & Executive Councillor

I have three children, seven grandchildren and five great grandchildren.

I have proudly served our Tribe first, as Councillor for the Rush family, and then as Executive of Human Services since 2011 (when we achieved Treaty).

I also sit at the Uu-ath-luk Council of Hawiik, (Fisheries) U.T. Citizenship and Enrolment Committee, and First Nations Health Caucus Committee.

