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# Rena Simon

## *Youth Councillor*

I am deeply honoured to be the next youth councillor and I will do everything in my power to make change for our youth. This is a position I do not hold lightly. Over the last two years I have undergone training for trauma-informed care, violence prevention, and handling grief in a good way. I plan to carry these teachings forward within our youth.

I believe our youth deserve to be held with tremendous respect, and consideration for their futures. I understand the position many of our youth are in today and I am determined to create a safe space where our youth feel listened to. And furthermore, are able to start their healing journey's.

Being in leadership for me, means encouraging our youth to go further than we did, dream bigger than they could imagine, and execute their goals into action, so they can achieve everything they deserve.

### **Goals:**

- Gain input and ideas from our youth directly, by hosting meetings and including youth through zoom who do not reside in Pelly.
- Continue the youth centre project, started by the previous youth councillor
- Apply for funding to get a transitional youth home started in the community through AIP
- Promote work and employment opportunities for the youth within the organization, this includes training opportunities
- Promote wellness, and healing through trauma, including vicarious trauma and complex PTSD
- Partner with the school to do more on the land learning and cultural activities for our students

I strongly believe that we need to start focusing on supporting our youth in the ways they need and want. For our economy to grow, we must first invest in our youth. They need a voice and I am dedicated to being that voice, for ALL of our youth.

