

Approved by Chief and Council Feb 29, 2024

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Re: Transfer of Status

To: Lytton First Nation Administration, Membership and Community.

Hello. My name is Charlene Joe, Traditionally, my name is Kwemima Sstasza, born January 1, 1978. My mother is LFN member, Cheryl Williams-nee Dunstan, my father is the late Henry Brian Joe from Stsailles (Chehalis), BC. My children are daughter, Julie Alyssa Joe-Davis, born October 18, 2009 and son Odin Norman Joe, born October 30, 2014.

Although I lived most of my life in Chilliwack, it has been Lytton, where I return to my mother's home, as that is where I feel my children and I belong.

Over the years, Odin has lived with my mother and step-dad, Larry Spinks, as the housing situation has been dire even before covid. Odin's father and I split up in 2016/17 and have not reconciled nor will that ever happen again.

It has been in my heart and my desire for a few years now, but I am finally now just posting this request, as we have lived with Mom and Larry and then the fire happened and we lived together in Lillooet until the portables were ready.

I would like for you to please consider allowing me and my son Odin to transfer into Lytton First Nation as Band members. Odin and I have been Registered as Stsailles First Nation members, but truly have not participated nor do we have the feeling of belonging, so it makes sense in my heart, and I would be so proud to be a Lytton First Nation Band member.

Odin has spent the majority of his schooling at SVNS and is currently in grade 3 with Alice Spinks. This is his home, and where he has felt the most secure and happy. My daughter Julie also has spent a lot of time with her grandparents in Lytton and cannot wait to return once we are able to secure a larger place and/or an RV.

In these uncertain times, the only thing we have left is each other. My background in archeology and other skills may be a strength that this Nation can utilize in the rebuild and beyond. I love to work and am in the process of renewing my driver's license.

I have enjoyed participating in the many amazing events that LFN provides to the community, and it truly is incredible connecting to family I did not interact with or even know about until returning after the fire. This solidifies in my heart that we truly are where we are meant to be- Home.

I hope this letter provides the information needed. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincere Regards,



Charlene Joe/ Kwemima Sstasza

