



Carl Archie, Tlli7sa

Carl is a Secwepemc person from Tsq'escen' First Nation in BC's interior. Like many First Nations, he grew up in poverty and experienced the intergenerational effects of colonization and residential school. However, he overcame the obstacles and set out to change things for his community, in doing so made Canada a better place. Carl coordinated the Secwepemc Nation participation in the Columbia River Treaty. Successfully advocating for their participation at the international talks. The Columbia River Agreement with Indigenous Nations became the first time that Indigenous Nations participated in international treaty negotiations. Domestically it was the first formal agreement in Canada and BC to seek to achieve the Free, Prior and Informed Consent of Indigenous Nations.

Carl has also been instrumental in having land returned to his own First Nation through the modern BC Treaty negotiations. Career-wise, Carl has forged many paths for others to follow. He one of the few First Nations in the country to hold an undergrad in Economics. He is also one of less than a dozen Indigenous people to be pursuing their Chartered Financial Analyst designation.

Carl's education and experiences have taken him across the country. He has sat on National, Provincial, and regional Boards including the Council for the Advancement of Native Development Officers, the BC Hydro Aboriginal Steering Committee, and the Thompson Rivers University. Recently he was one of only 3 First Nations people who have worked in the Venture Capital industry working at the \$500 million InBC Investment Corporation. In 2019, Carl participated in the Global Youth Diplomatic Forum, chosen among thousands of applicants to attend the Global Diplomatic Forum in Brussels, Belgium. There he met with Ambassadors from around the world, the Parliaments of Flanders, Belgium, and the European Union, the representative of the Belgian Queen, the General of NATO, and the European Commission. There he made a presentation on Canada's treatment of First Nations. At 22, Carl created the first textbook on the subject of Indigenous Business called Indigenous Business: Principles and Practices, published by Cape Breton University. The book is taught to undergrad business students across the country and remains the only textbook of its kind in the country 10 years later.

All the while, Carl has maintained strong connections to his home community and Nation. He is a fluent speaker of his language, Secwepemctsin. His Nation recently recognized him as a knowledge keeper in the areas of salmon, fishing, the Columbia River, and Nation-level issues. The Secwepemc Nation is very large with more than 11,000 citizens, 180,000 km squared, and 17 communities - making it one of the largest Indigenous Nations in BC.

In his spare time, Carl is an avid fly fisher, beader, mountain biker, silversmith, and uncle. Carl's proudest moment was having negotiated more than 3,000 acres of land returned to his First Nation after more than 133 years of being confined to their reserves. He is also proud to have been the person to convince the 17 Secwepemc Nation Chiefs and its citizens to act in unity on the Columbia River Treaty. Carl's Secwepemc name is Tlli7sa given to him by his mother. It is a name handed down in the Secwepemc Nation for more than 5,000 years in an unbroken chain. It means one who is powerful enough to change the world. Carl works to make the world a better place for his nieces.