

Dear Members

I am pleased to inform you that I will be running for the 2024 band council election. My name is Colten Ogle. I reside on an acreage near the reserve with my wife Emma and 16-month-old son Alejandro.

For the past year, I have been the housing manager of the Wood Mountain Lakota First Nation. I have had the pleasure of continuing working relationships with those who live here including the Chief and current council. In past years, my involvement with the reservation included building new band infrastructure and maintaining existing establishments. The current and past jobs within the community have given me the knowledge and experience to foster relationships with tribal council, health officer, building inspectors and other valued professionals.

We are fortunate to have had a lot of new growth and a welcoming environment in our community. I would like to continue to build on this positive growth and strengthening of our Lakota community. Our elders are an integral part of our knowledge keeping and building of our community. We must continue to honour our elders as they are key to preserving our language, way of life and traditions.

A large portion of our membership resides off the reservation. In recent years, there has been a lot of interest in members wanting to move back into the community. I would like to see this growth take place. I am passionate about seeing our community expand and our Lakota nation here in Canada thrive.

Along with my experience and knowledge of building our community thus far, I value transparency and open communication with members. I am committed to honouring our elders of the Wood Mountain Lakota First Nation while continuing to keep involvement and growth with our youth to see our community thrive and expand.

Please consider me in the 2024 election.

Thank you!