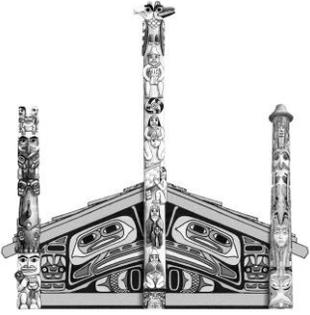


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Ketchikan Indian Community is proud to announce and welcome Mr. Tobias J. Vanderhoop as the Tribal Administrator/CEO for Ketchikan Indian Community (KIC). We are honored to have Mr. Vanderhoop as the executive responsible for the business operations of KIC, ensuring all programs and services are provided for our Tribal Members in the most efficient and effective manner.

He joins the KIC team from the Wampanoag Tribe of Gay Head (Aquinnah), located on the Island of Martha's Vineyard, Massachusetts a sovereign Tribal nation. He's a Tribal Member of the Aquinnah Wampanoag, one of two federally recognized Wampanoag tribes within the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. He has served in several management roles for his tribe including; Tribal Administrator and the Tribal Council Chairman (President). He has made a significant impact executing the government to government relationship for the tribe with a thriving culture that provides stewardship of 480+ acres of their ancestral home lands through a well-established Natural Resources department. The Aquinnah Wampanoag Tribal Administration provides a multitude of programs and services for their Tribal Members which includes; a Tribal Historic Preservation Office/Cultural Department, health services, education, social services, and a housing authority. His depth of experience and advocacy for Tribal sovereignty is a great testimony to his dedication and the level of commitment he is bringing to KIC. He has a familial connection to Ketchikan; Evelyn Vanderhoop (Churchill) daughter of Delores Churchill was married to his cousin David Vanderhoop.



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Mr. Vanderhoop holds a Bachelor of Arts, in Community Planning and Management and a Master in Public Administration from Harvard University, Kennedy School of Government. His career focus has been public service in Indian country; fighting for Tribal sovereignty, honoring culture and Our Way of Life. He has strong leadership, communication, and an overall wide breadth of experience serving the Native community. His experience includes diplomacy at all levels of government; local, state and federal, public relations, Indian Health Services (IHS) and the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) with a focus on self-governance policies and programs. He's a leader who demonstrates the desire to connect and is dedicated to Native American's and Alaskan Native's. He has a clear commitment to serve Tribal People. The following are a few of his thoughts about being entrusted with his position at KIC;

"I'm honored to be welcomed into your homeland, I am appreciative that the skills and experience I have gained serving my Tribe and Indian country are understood and valued. Our Tribes may be thousands of miles apart, but we stand closely together as I believe we have a lot in common. I experienced our common bond at my first Tribal Council meeting when the Tribal Council recited "Who we are as the KIC Leadership Team" reminding themselves that they are tethered to their land, their culture and the heart of their people adhering to our past, present, and future.

"I pledge that I will work as hard for the Ketchikan Indian Community as I have for my own Tribal nation. I'm honored to call this my new home and I look forward to creating an environment within the KIC administration that fosters communication on all levels, I mean among our staff, with the greater Ketchikan community and most importantly with our Tribal Members who we serve. Being a cultural practitioner and a student of my language, I will humbly accept any invitation to participate in community gatherings and cultural events so I may better understand the community who has so graciously accepted me. My expectation is for all of us who work at KIC administration to experience and be involved with the Tribal Culture in the same manner to ensure that all of our hearts, spirits, and abilities are being poured into providing the quality programs and services our Tribal Members deserve. Gunalchéesh, `Doyackshin, Háw'aa, Kutâputunumuw."

On behalf of Tribal Council and KIC please help us welcome our new Tribal Administrator, Mr. Tobias J. Vanderhoop to our community.