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Where Kitselas Connects



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SAVE THE DATE FOR

Our Next Meeting

- June 14, 2023

Location:
Gitaus



2023 Election Kitselas Candidate's Platform

Platform Submissions



As requested by community members, the following are platforms that were received.

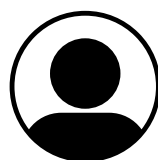
And hope each community member, has a chance to review each platform. Before the voting day on Monday June 12, 2023.

Information

- 1 Page (word, or pdf format)
- 1 Photo (can be included)

Deadline
Tuesday June 6, 2023
@3:00p.m.

Included in Kitselas Connects Issue
Friday June 9, 2023



Example

- Name
- A Short introduction
- Platform Details

Voting Details

WHEN:
Monday
June 12, 2023

TIME:
9:00A.M. TO
8:00P.M.

LOCATION:
GITAUS
Administration
Building

and

KULSPA
Community Hall

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2023 Election Candidate's Platforms

I am Glenn Bennett and I consider it an honor to represent Kitselas as your elected Chief Councillor. I have lived in Kitselas since 1971, when our late father, Wilfred Bennett moved his family to Kitselas from Kitkatla. I am proud of the Kitselas history

As the current elected Chief Councillor. I believe I had a good working relationship with the current Councillor's. As a council we all have our opinions & that's what is respected.

We all supported the housing development completion of the three Duplexes to the current forty units under construction. This Council approved the loan of a member with RBC to independently build their own home on reserve. This loan is available to all Kitselas members.

When I attend conferences on behalf of Kitselas I always speak up & express my concerns when it comes to economic development, joint ventures, employment opportunities for Kitselas members.

We don't just want the entry level employment, janitorial, Security, cooks. We want to our members to have the opportunity to be trained for the higher employment opportunities.

It's important to speak up especially when it comes to Kitselas Traditional Territory which extends all the way up to Legate Creek down to the mouth of the Skeena River. Port Essington.

Kitselas needs to explore business development for the Airport Lands.

Kitselas needs to promote selective fisheries using the fishwheel in Kitselas Canyon. The salmon that is harvested can be given to the elders & sold if a Commercial fishing license is issued by DFO.

I strongly support Kitselas membership being hired for employment opportunities within the Administration.

I look at what Kitselas has accomplished in our two-year term – I would like to see more community development continue for Gitaus;

- A convenient/gas bar (awaiting a feasibility study)
- K5T understands the importance of relocating back to Gitaus
- Kitselas Canyon Park development. Several years ago, Kitselas Band Council set aside \$300,000.00 to go toward the Kitselas Canyon from a specific claim settlement.
- Old Kitselas Cemetery property maintained and possibly expanded to allow additional grave plots.
- Marine Resource Harvesting is important for Kitselas to have an ocean vessel to give Kitselas members access to resources such as seaweed, clams, and cockles. Conclude IMBA Port of Prince Rupert.
- The Canadian National Railway (CN) needs to compensate for Kitselas Indian Reserve IR #1, 2 & 4.
- Community Fund set up to assist our members for funeral expenses and to have a Kitselas pension plan for Kitselas elders 65 & older.
- Kitselas's Governance and HR should be reviewed and updated to reflect Kitselas's Administration & political body.
- Kitselas should consider land acquisition for promoting Kitselas' history to Lakelse Lake.
- Forestry tenure acquisition to add to existing 43K Cu.
- Supporting KDC/KFP in the defending a lawsuit with respect to issues that arose from KDC, with the support of the previous council retaining Teare Creek Contracting Ltd. to clear the airport lands and later a portion of Onion Lake lands. The first issue that Teare Creek cleared past the boundaries of the airport lands and illegally cleared lands that are owed by the City of Terrace, which KDC was obligated to restore. The second issue is that Teare Creek logged more lands than were authorized and contrary to forestry practices. Teare Creek has sued claiming that they are owed monies for the clearing of the Airport Lands. KDC has counterclaimed for the damages that it has suffered as a result of the illegal clearing of lands owned by the City of Terrace, for over charging and for damages regarding the Onion Lake lands, including the fact that KDC received no revenue from any of the clearing that was done.
- Community Hall was identified in the community comprehensive plan and is currently being constructed.

I want to wish all candidates the best of luck in Kitselas June 12th Band Council Election.

2023 Election Candidate's Platforms



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2023 Kitselas Band Council Elections

Chief & Councillor Positions

Dear Kitselas Nation,

I am honoured and grateful to accept the nominations for both Chief Councillor and Councillor Positions.

I am the son of Ken & Hedy McDames, born and raised here in Terrace B.C.

I am Laxgibuu (Wolf).

As my first term of Councillor I was able to work and learn from a great group of people to help and assist and to lead our Nation.

I have worked for Kitselas First Nation for 17 years. My expertise and passion is Natural Resource Management, and Emergency Response Management.

If elected my focus points are:

- Sustaining Traditional Harvesting Grounds for Fishing, Hunting, Plants and Medicine
- Protection of our water and lands from Spills, Floods, and Wildfire
- Focus on Culture - Language, Art, Dance, Traditional Law
- Community- Communication, Work with the membership, Learn from Each other, Work and take care of each other
- Elderly- to Learn from, and Take care of our Elders

I endeavor to work with and for the community and continue the relationships within the Administration its Partners, and Proponents.

All while maintaining full transparency and accountability.

Good Luck to all Candidates, I look forward to meeting with community members and answering your questions.

Thank you



**Nos Lii'tsk
Gisputwada
Niistax'ook**

Judy for Chief

**Working with
Youth today
For leadership
of tomorrow**

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Roxanne Ridler, candidate for Chief Councillor, and Councillor

**Education: Master of Business Administration,
Provincial Instructor Diploma, Bachelor of
Arts**

MY NAME IS ROXANNE RIDLER, I AM THE DAUGHTER OF LORRAINE RIDLER WHO WAS THE DAUGHTER OF FRED MCKENZIE. MY MOTHER GREW UP IN USK, ENDADOON, KWINITSA, AND TERRACE. ON THE COAST I AM KILLERWHALE; INLAND MY CREST IS GROUSE/FIREWEED. I HAVE TAKEN SM'ALGYK CLASSES TO LEARN THE KITSELAS DIALECT FROM ISABELLE. I COMPLETED AN INTRODUCTION TO NORTHWEST COAST FORM LINE FROM ARLENE NESS. RECENTLY, I WROTE, FILMED, AND EDITED MY FIRST SHORT FILM "THE FOREST GARDENS OF KITSELAS CANYON" THROUGH EMPOWERED FILMMAKERS, IN PARTNERSHIP WITH TELUS AND STORYHIVE. I ENCOURAGE EVERYONE TO BECOME INVOLVED IN LEARNING OUR LANGUAGE, HISTORY, AND ART - THESE ARE SOME OF THE VALUABLE PIECES OF CULTURE WE CAN LEARN AND PASS ON.

FOR MANY YEARS I HAVE BEEN A MEMBER OF THE FINANCE AND AUDIT COMMITTEE TO SERVE THE INTERESTS OF THE KITSELAS NATION.

I SERVED TWO TERMS ON COUNCIL DURING A TIME OF INDUSTRIAL UPSWING THAT SAW MILLIONS OF DOLLARS OF OWN SOURCE REVENUE FLOW TO THE KITSELAS NATION FROM CGL, PROVINCIAL AND FEDERAL GOVERNMENT.

I UNDERSTAND KITSELAS LAWS AND POLICIES, THE ROLE OF CHIEF AND COUNCIL, THE FINANCES OF THE NATION, AS WELL THE WORK BEING CARRIED OUT IN THE KITSELAS TERRITORY. I HAVE KEPT IN TOUCH WITH OUR LIMITED PARTNERSHIPS TO UNDERSTAND THE SUCCESSES AND CHALLENGES THEY HAVE HAD.

I BELIEVE IT IS IMPORTANT THAT OUR MEMBERS CAN MAKE AN INFORMED DECISION REGARDING THE TREATY VOTE. I HAVE ATTENDED THE TREATY MEETINGS AND DR TRY AND THE TREATY TEAM HAVE DONE AN EXCELLENT JOB OF EXPLAINING, CONNECTING, AND INFORMING.

IN COMMUNITY MEETINGS I HAVE TALKED ABOUT THE IMPORTANCE OF FINISHING THE OWN SOURCE REVENUE POLICY. WHEN THIS CONSULTATION STOPPED IN 2019, THERE WAS A LOT OF INTEREST IN FORMING AN KITSELAS TRUST FUND TO SEPARATE THE OWN SOURCE REVENUE FROM THE ADMINISTRATION. OWN SOURCE REVENUE BELONGS TO EACH MEMBER OF KITSELAS, AND IT IS THE KITSELAS MEMBERS WHO WILL DECIDE WHAT THEY WILL DO WITH THEIR FUNDS.

THERE ARE CONCERNS WITH THE GITAU'S RECREATION CENTRE LACK OF FEASIBILITY AND BUSINESS PLAN. I WILL WORK VERY HARD WITH ALL STAKEHOLDERS TO DEVELOP THESE KEY PIECES OF INFORMATION, AND COMPILE THE INCOME EXPECTATIONS FROM ACTIVITIES AT THE RECREATION CENTRE. THERE WAS NEVER ANY DOUBT OF THE NEED FOR A RECREATION CENTER IN GITAU'S, BUT NOT BY LEAVING A LEGACY OF DEBT. WE CAN FIX THIS. THERE ARE ALSO SERIOUS CONCERNS WITH THE DRUG EPIDEMIC, THE IMMEDIATE NEED TO HIRE A CAO, AND THE NEED TO CLEARLY AND LEGALLY DEFINE THE "ARM'S LENGTH RELATIONSHIP" BETWEEN CHIEF AND COUNCIL AND OUR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ENTITIES.

I BELIEVE WE ARE STRONGER TOGETHER, AND WILL WORK FOR THE NATION. THERE'S A LOT OF WORK TO DO, AND WE'RE GOING TO HIT THE FLOOR RUNNING. WAI WAH!!

2023 Election Candidate's Platforms

-Vote- H. Lloyd McDames – Candidate for Chief Councillor & Candidate for Councillor for Kitselas Council- 2023



Ama Sah! My traditional name is Gwin Naxnuutkw and my English name is H. Lloyd McDames Sr. and I am seeking your vote on June 12, 2023 to represent you at the Kitselas Council Table.

It is time to cast your vote for those you believe will have Kitselas and Kitselas people best interests at heart.

We all have suffered in isolation due to many of our loved ones that passed on during covid-19 and it was hard not to fulfill our cultural responsibilities or to comfort one another in person which has extended issues of grief and loss.

I would like to see our custom election code finalized and brought to the membership for review, input and implementation; this code will allow for an over-lap in council members each 02 years.

I would like our council to be stable, fair and make effective informed decisions in accordance to existing policies such as the Kitselas Financial Administration Law (FAL), code of conduct as well as Kitselas staff and members responsibilities.

I see a need for training for council in Governance process, responsibilities and

procedures, especially if there is a "yes" to Treaty vote.

I would like to see our council. Administration and community work together to make sure we will enjoy the benefit of our community hall and meet the operational needs without undue financial hardship for our members.

I would like a thorough review of Bill C-92 that allows Kitselas the opportunity to create and manage our own child welfare Laws as identified by the people, Clans or Huwilp.

There was a commitment made to have a Gathering Wisdom 2 that will bring our Elders home once again and this too should be explored.

I have attended many community meetings and I have heard an elder ask, "where are the band councillors? They need to be here to hear listen to the people". I will continue to attend and listen.



On June 12, 2023, elect: H. Lloyd McDames as your Kitselas Representative.

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-> Lynn's platform ...

Sim gi gyat Sigi dim haa nak' Ganhl K'u ba wil xsit xw, my traditional name is **Wii Hoxsw Gats Wiilins** (wise one who thinks ahead), my english name is **Lynn Wright**, I matrilineally belong to the Nisto'o of the Nikate'en house and my paternal roots come from the Kitselas First Nation. My family line is of the Wright family, the late Sim gi gyat Neas-D-Hok, Walter Wright. My four children - Charles, James, Euleina, and Ryland are so fortunate to be raised in such a close knit community.



I have my diploma in Business Administration. I have a collection of training and experience on Council, the band administration policies and procedures, the LNG sector, organizational skills, business plan writing, proposal writing, facilitating, event planning, life skills, advocacy, and the volunteering of my (our) time with fundraising events for youth or emergency situations. I'm born and raised in Kitselas.

We are community-minded people and love to help anyway we can to better our way of living out here in Gitaus, Kulspai, Chimdimash, or Old Kitselas. We want to make our mark by instilling the respect and culture that our ancestors legacy left for us.

My Promise for this term will be to advocate for:

- * **Top-up for Patient Travel** - the FNHA policy for patient travel hasn't changed for a long time, our members need more financial support when having to travel out of town for medical.
- * **Work closer as a community** - Plan financially for the future of our people. Our people need extra supports - monthly hamper, harvesting opportunities of fish, moose, etc.
- * **Communication** via updated website (with sign-in option), email updates, coffee house updates, Elder check-ins, Newsletter (Dept updates, C&C - reports, initiatives and meetings, and treaty updates). More input from the community.
- * **Care plan for each Elder (on and off)**, plan with each département on how we can provide basic maintenance on our Elder's homes, fire wood, snow removal, cultural activities, yard maintenance, chimney cleaning, and an updated care plan.
- * **Guided supports for our youth** Let's invest more in them to become the great leaders they were born to be. We can provide basic life skills, harvesting off the land, training certificates, leadership opportunities (ie. take turns sitting with council) - to name a few.

Thank you all for your continued guidance and your willingness to vote for me to be part of our leadership!

Our community is in a state of change and we need to support new ways for a better outcome for our future. *I'm putting my name up to be your voice at the table.*
Good luck to all the candidates for Chief and Council! Let's do this Kitselas!

"Thus may they come to have an honest pride in their lineage and in (the deeds performed by) their ancestors" ~ Walter Wright

#VOTE4LYNN

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VOTE GENEVA MASON

RE-ELECT FOR KITSELAS BAND COUNCIL



STRENGTH

- *COMMUNITY ORIENTED
- *PASSIONATE ABOUT OUR KITSELAS PEOPLE
- *FAMILAR WITH OUR KITSELAS LANDS
- *ENGAGING WITH COMMUNITY & STAFF
- *UNDERSTANDING OF OUR LAWS POLICIES& PLANS
- *I VOICE MY QUESTIONS CONCERNS COMMENTS



CONSISTENCY NOT CHANGE!

I BELIEVE IN OUR KITSELAS PEOPLE!

We have always walked together in good bad & unknown times. I love speaking for all ages especially our Elders & Youth. Our Community and Staff are exhausted from Change I would like to see more consistency with how operations are done. Communication needs improvement by Implementing the Communications policy. I would love to see more staff mentoring others to provide growth. Offices work individually i believe we need more team building & structure. I would like to Promote our Employment & Training,Infrastructure, Health, Education, Emergency Plan to engage & work more with our membership

Geneva Mason - Gitaus Resident

I'm married to Vincent Mason. We have a beautiful Family: Aaliyah Marty Devrain Keisha-lee. I have lived in Gitaus for the last 23 years. I'm very passionate about Kitselas People, our staff, our lands waters and resources. I have learned alot over the last 12 years working full time in various departments. I have been successful with working with our community, staff, and consultants as a project coordinator to develop our member driven plans such as: Comprehensive Community Plan, Land use Plan, Thornhill Way Masterplan & Kitselas Values. I currently work with all departments to assist with community engagement meetings or events and also the Treaty Land Use Plan.

LETS PUT OUR PLANS INTO ACTION

Our people have voiced, our needs dreams&wishes! In our community engagement sessions or community driven plans that assist our C&C, administration, & entities to promote our community growth in healthy ways overtime . We need more working bodies to strive towards our Goals& Priorties. Chief & Council to focus on the Strategic Framework thats currently in place for 2021-2025

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CHERYL CAMPBELL

Candidate for Councillor

Allow me to introduce myself, I am Cheryl Campbell, proudly bearing the legacy of my late grandparents, Phyllis McNeil (McDames) (Nee: Kennedy/Seymour) and Rufus McDames. I am the daughter of the Late Alfred S. McDames Sr. and my mother Marjorie McDames (Nee: Campbell).

I am a mother, and a nana to two handsome grandsons. I attribute my upbringing and values to my parents, who instilled in me a sense of integrity, community-mindedness, and a strong faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.

VOTE FOR COMMUNITY

- I am humbled to submit my candidacy for the position of Kitselas Councillor within the Kitselas First Nation, as it is here that I find my true sense of belonging. This community, my home, holds a special place in my heart, and I am deeply passionate about contributing to its betterment. Representing the Kitselas First Nation would be a profound honor for me. Although I may not have prior experience as a councillor, I have gained valuable insights and familiarity with council operations through my work alongside the Council.
- Over the past eight years, I have been actively involved in the Kitselas Administration, working closely with different Chief Executive Officers and four Kitselas Council terms. Additionally, I have had the privilege of gaining work experience Heiltsuk Chief and Council, the Health Clinic, and the Heiltsuk Economic Development. These diverse experiences have allowed me to develop a strong sense of prioritization and an understanding of the dynamics involved in administration and council interactions. Professionalism, organizational proficiency, and effective communication are among my key attributes, and I have learned to navigate the separation of roles and responsibilities.
- My aspirations for the Kitselas First Nation encompass the realization of our collective desires: the achievement of independence and self-sustainability, prosperity, and overall well-being. It is crucial to address the unique needs of each age group within our community. I would like to be a reliable advocate of preserving our traditional values, protecting our integrity, upholding our laws, and honoring our rich cultural heritage. Standing in unity with and serving the Kitselas members would be my utmost priority.
- I firmly believe that the Kitselas Band Council should demonstrate effectiveness and accountability across all subjects of its endeavors.
- I express my sincere gratitude for considering my candidacy, and if chosen, I solemnly promise to wholeheartedly represent, support, and speak on behalf of the people of Kitselas.

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GERALD SEYMOUR

CANDIDATE FOR COUNCILLOR



VOTE FOR COMMUNITY

My name is Gerry Seymour, son of Ray and Phyllis Seymour. Gail and I recently celebrated our 34th wedding anniversary.

I have been employed with Coast Mountain School district for 28 years.

To all the candidates letting their name stand, please know that your life changes for the next two years, you are there for the people of Kitselas, and being on council takes you away from family and friends sometimes at the most inopportune times, but this is what we are signing up for.
Good Luck to you all in the election.

If elected to represent the citizens of Kitselas,

- I will strive to serve the needs of the communities.
- Provide direction to the departments
- Ensure the Government is meeting the needs of Kitselas Citizens and fulfilling all tasks.
- Help guide and direct the current Kitselas Comprehensive Community Plan, and ensure the laws & responsibilities are being implemented.

Goals to advocate

- One of my primary goals as Councillor is to strengthen our community, by ensuring quality programing and services are Created and maintained.
- I will stay in tune with the community and citizens. This will help me to make good decisions.
- I will contribute to creating and maintaining that chief and council be fair, open and accountable.
- I will listen to all points of view at the council table, consider the many things about the situation then make decisions that are in the best interest of Kitselas Band Council and Kitselas First Nation citizens.
- I will ensure government structures and processing, which is designed to keep things fair, open and accountable will be followed.

If I am elected I will do this for the people of Kitselas. To the people of Kitselas, wishing you and your families wellness and health. - Gerry Seymour

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To learn from Chief and Council
To gain best practices
To serve my people

Gayaas
Gispawada
Niist'axok'



- Community engagement
- Kitselas Fisheries/Conservation Officers
- Employment and Training
- Economic Development

VOTE
JORDEN
VOTE
INTEGRITY



School Year End

Join us in celebrating the kids success



Community Services is hosting a school year end dinner. Please join us, in helping the kids celebrate the 2022/2023 school year.

June 27, 2023

6:00p.m.

Kitselas Hall

Contact **Jericho** for details.

Headstone Moving

ALFRED SAMUEL MCDAMES
Simoghet Wü Neas-D-Hok



July 13, 2023
at 11 am
at 2282 Tsunyow St.,
Marg McDames,
Please bring A lawn chair

Potluck to follow
at the Kitselas Hall,
doors open at 4pm
Supper at 5

Food donations appreciated

KITSELAS LANDS AND RESOURCES
DEPARTMENT UPDATE



BEAR SEASON
SPRING 2023

Bear Safety in Our Communities

FORECAST

GRIZZLY AND BLACK BEARS ARE ACTIVE IN KITSELAS TERRITORY, AND CAN BE DANGEROUS IF THEY COME INTO OUR COMMUNITIES. IT IS IMPORTANT WE ALL MAKE EFFORTS TO NOT ATTRACT BEARS.

Being Bear Aware

Spring has arrived, and so have the bears. At this time of year, bears typically feed on natural food sources such as grasses, sedges, and skunk cabbage. Unfortunately, some bears that accessed garbage and other materials last season may return as they have learned these areas can be easy sources of food.

If you're spending time outside, always be on the lookout for bears or signs that they are in the area. You should not assume that if you've never had a bear visit previously that you will not have one in the future. While bears usually prefer to avoid human activity and feed on natural foods, they are often drawn in by the smell of potential food sources in our communities.

To ensure bears don't come sniffing around the community, we all need to keep all fragrant materials locked and stored away securely. Garbage, food waste, and other fragrant materials left outside and accessible WILL attract bears to the community.



KITSELAS LANDS AND RESOURCES
DEPARTMENT UPDATE

BEAR SEASON
SPRING 2023

IMPORTANT

If you encounter a bear:

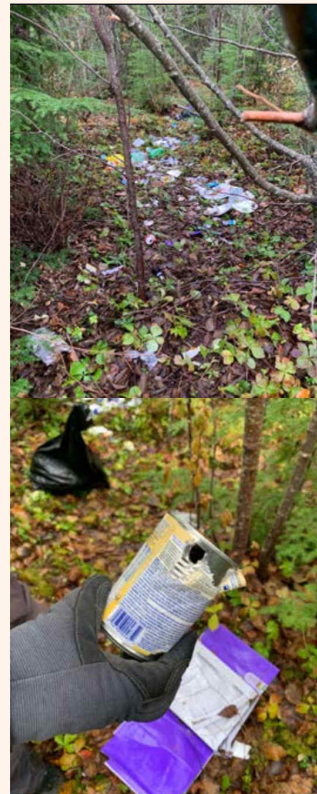
- Remember that most bears just want to be left alone.
- Identify yourself so the bear knows you are a human, and not prey.
- Pick up small children.
- Do not run — bears are like dogs in that they will chase fleeing animals.
- Speak calmly and in a low voice. Do not scream or make sudden movements.
- Back away slowly and calmly.

When it is safe to do so, call the BC Conservation Officer Service (24 hours) at 1-877-952-7277 (RAPP) or text #7277 to report your encounter.

Did You Know?

Grizzly bears travel widely, with female grizzlies in BC making their home ranges over 50–400 km² and with males having much larger home ranges of between 500–2,000 km² — almost as long as the distance between Terrace and Winnipeg (2,184 km)!

QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS?
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2023

Rent and Rental Arrears

Kitselas Housing and Finance department reminder



WHEN?

Due the 1st of each month

HOW?

In person and Online

Electronic funds transfer to rent@kitselas.com

Cash or Cheque can be made to Kitselas First Nation and brought to the finance department

Pre-Authorized Debt forms can be filled out at the finance department





KITSELAS
FIRST NATION

Get in Touch

Kitselas Connects is put together by the Kitselas Communication Department.

Please email communications@kitselas.com with any info (events, news, fundraisers, photos, etc) that you would like to share with the community.

Deadline for submission is Tuesday.
Call 250.635.5084 EXT 4071
with any questions.

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