

Ron Suppah
Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs



Ron Suppah Sr., Simnasho District

Ron is from the Tyghpum band of the Itcheeskin speaking bands of 1855 Treaty Signers. Ron is a practitioner of the Washat religion. He hunts for feasts and special spiritual ceremonies for the Tribe. He is also a keeper of the longhouse songs and a drummer of those songs. Attended Eastern Oregon College for three years majoring in Social Services. He then returned home and attended Central Oregon Community College from 1977 to 1978 studying auto mechanics. He became a journeyman mechanic through the State's apprenticeship program.

Suppah managed the Tribes' Vehicle fleet, consisting of 130 vehicles for eight years. He worked in BIA Realty for 7 years and managed the Tribal Store, Three Warriors Market, at Simnasho for 6 years. Suppah was elected to Tribal Council in May of 2001. He was sworn in as Vice-Chairman in May of 2003 when the previous Vice-Chair was elevated to Chairman. On May 3, 2004, after successfully being reelected to Tribal Council, Suppah was voted Chairman. In May 2019, Suppah completed his 5th term on Tribal Council.

Suppah served three terms on the Commission on Indian Services, a State Legislative body. He also served three terms on the Tribes' Land Use Committee.