

My name is Margaret Robinson, I am a 65 year old member of the Tseshaht First Nation. I am the daughter of the late Doug Robinson and Kathy (Gallic) Robinson, my grandparents were Jeff and Jessie Gallic. We were lucky enough to be brought up with our elders influences, they gathered at our home at least twice a week for all my young years and it was our responsibility to serve and sit and listen to them. I am forever grateful to my parents for that gift.

I have done several jobs over my life from taxi driver to recreation worker to kindergarten teacher, the longest of these jobs was with our nation. I sat on the board of Haa Huu Payak School for two years. Since I left the office I have been a Caterer to many different communities and nations up and down the island. It has been its own learning experience.

I started out in 1991 as receptionist for the band. I was honored to work for the Council of the day. Four months into my position, the record keeper left and I was asked to pick up the job until they hired someone to fill the position, I did the record keeping for two years. The band manager of the day, Phil Fenn, expressed to me how important it was that I learn the running of the office, so he set me up to work in the various departments from time to time. In my fourth year there I was promoted to Administrative Assistant and our Chief Councilor, the late George Watts, arranged for me to take the minutes for Council and Band Meetings as well as meetings with other governments. I did this for the remainder of my time there. Though we did not always see eye to eye, I had great respect for Mr Watts. He ensured that we brought in band members to fill positions and saw to it that we were trained to properly serve our membership. I learned a lot from him.

I have seen many changes within our office over the years, both at the council and staff level. Change can be good and in many cases is necessary, however the base should always be the needs of our members.

After a lot of consideration I have decided to accept the nomination and thank those who believe in me. I would like to be a part of our changes and forward movement.

Thank You

Margaret Robinson