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TSESHAHT FIRST NATION NEWSLETTER

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Provincial Health Officer - Order on Household Visitors

By order of the PHO, all households in the Interior Health, Island Health and Northern Health regions cannot have more than six people visit at one time. For example, if you have five people living in your household, a maximum of 11 people are allowed in the home at one time. The order applies to all gatherings hosted at households, like a large dinner party, celebration of life, wedding or baby shower.

- This includes both indoor and outdoor gatherings
- Gatherings in private homes often do not allow for the necessary space and do not have cleaning protocols to ensure the overall safety of residents and visitors

People of all ages are included in the six person limit. For example:

- Six adults
- Four adults and two kids
- Two adults, two kids and two babies

What is a household, resident and visitor?

A household is:

A group of people who live in the same dwelling. For example:

- If you have a rental suite in your home, the suite is a separate household
- If you live in an apartment or house with roommates, you are all members of the same household

A resident is:

- A primary resident, or person who usually sleeps in the home
- A person that does not have a usual residence somewhere else

A visitor is:

- A person visiting the home
- A person who does not spend the night

Enforcement

During a public health emergency under the Public Health Act, the PHO can make orders as needed. You must follow the orders.

The PHO Order for Gatherings and Events can be enforced by police or other compliance and enforcement officials. People who don't follow the order could be fined.

- Fines of \$2,000 may be issued to hosts who do not follow the order. For example, having more than six people attend a gathering at a private residence or a vacation accommodation
- Fines of \$200 may be issued to people who refuse to leave any gathering at the discretion of police or an enforcement officer.

ćišaaʔath Language Program Update

yaaʔakukʷin ʔuuʔuukʷaʔath (we love our language)

ʔaaqinʔapithasuu (What were you all doing?)

- We want to thank our community for adopting the Language Strategy in March and even though we are unable to gather and conduct some of the programs we were planning for this year due to the pandemic we have been able to use the strategy as our guide to direct our priorities and planning. We continue to work hard on strengthening our language over these challenging times.
- The language program is supporting two Mentor-Apprentice language teams. The criteria for this participation is very strict due to covid requiring learners to be living in a household with a mentor and both our apprentices have shown a commitment to learning and already have a foundation of language knowledge. Della Preston, a dedicated ćišaaʔath language learner has begun doing Mentor-Apprentice and has completed 25 hours with her mentor Levi Martin. Kathaleen Good is continuing to work with her grandmother Angie Joe.
- We had 5 Tseshaht learners attending an online language intensive course offered by Adam Werle, this opportunity was promoted at our online class.
- We continue to work on our FirstVoices online archive increasing the words and phrases, adding photos, adding videos, and developing an app with FirstVoices. There is a glitch in the language app for android users at the moment, this is being worked on and we will announce on Facebook once this has been resolved.
- We have been creating short videos as learning resources these are posted on our Facebook page and YouTube page.
- We are translating the Paul Creek curriculum into our language. This curriculum will be used as part of the learning foundation for implementing our intensive program. This curriculum has been translated and used in various Indigenous communities with a high degree of success.



Join our Facebook page Tseshaht Language and join or Friday noon language class link will be posted on Facebook.



ALL CANDIDATES FORUMS

Tseshaht All Candidates Forums will be streamed on Facebook Live on the dates below.

Candidates will respond to a list of a questions curated from those submitted to the moderator, Lee White.

Tseshaht Members, submit your questions to Lee directly at lee@chinookx.ca by 4:00 PM the day of the meeting.

To attend, watch live at

<https://www.facebook.com/Tseshaht>



LIVE

MONDAY

NOV 23 | 5:00-7:30 PM

Candidates:

**Braker, Mennes Hugh
Fred, Bella
Gus, Melissa
Marshall, Natasha
Ross, Edward
Thomas, Jean
Watts, Richard
White, Victoria**

TUESDAY

NOV 24 | 5:00-7:30 PM

Candidates:

**Dick, Cynthia
Gallic, Jennifer
Hamel, Camille
Pearson, Gina
Sam, Les
Watts, David Sr.
Rampanen (Watts), Tamiko
Wylie, Harley**

WEDNESDAY

NOV 25 | 5:00-7:30 PM

Candidates:

**Foxcroft, Debra
Gomez, Valentine
Joe, Eunice
Taylor, E. Darlene
Watts, Ken
Rupert, Robert
Robinson, Margaret**

TSESHAHT FIRST NATION
COUNCIL ELECTION 2020

NOTICE OF POLLS

Notice is hereby given to all Tseshaht First Nation Electors that the time and date of the Polls for the 2020 Council elections is:

DATE: Saturday, December 12th, 2020
TIME: 9:00am – 8:00pm
LOCATION: Great Room, Tseshaht First Nation Administration Building,

An Elector may vote by:

1. Completing and delivering to the Electoral Officer a mail-in ballot form before the time set for the election,
2. Using the televote system to vote online or over the telephone (details to follow), or
3. Attending the Polls.

A list of Electors is posted in the Band Office.

DUE TO COVID-19 CONCERNS the Polls will be conducted by allowing only one person at a time into the meeting to complete a ballot following strict physical distancing and sanitization.

Electors are encouraged to **USE THE MAIL IN BALLOTS** or **TELEVOTE** (details to follow) as the Polls will be extremely limited.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me by phone or email.

Given under my hand at Victoria, this 29th day of October 2020.

MARCUS HADLEY
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Marcus Hadley
Signature of Electoral Officer

LOST ALL YOUR ID?



CAN'T AFFORD TO REPLACE IT?

WE CAN HELP!

Contact us to see if you qualify!

Monthly ID Clinics

Next Clinic: Monday, December 14th 9:30am to 3pm
By Appointment Only with Legal Advocate – Steve Muise

Phone: 250 723-8281 Ext. 240

With support from the
Community Action Team

Funding provided by:



Tasha Sam

Early Year Outreach Worker

I started working at Child & Youth Services January 2019, prior to that, I worked at Tseshah Daycare for 11.5 years. I support all family members with accessing services in our community, that promote healthy infant and child development.



Services I can offer for your Family and Community include:

One to One

- Introduce families to community resources and make referrals to other agencies
- I help plan and implement activities in the home that will encourage the growth and development of a healthy child.
- Teaches and support with basic infant care, bonding and attachment, infant stimulation, nurturing healthy child development and self-care/coping as a parent.
- Explores and helps implement cultural teachings, beliefs and practices related to pregnancy, birth and parent/child interactions.
- I am able to do home and community visits

Group

- I provide supporting the Moe the Mouse program in daycare facilities
- I run the Tseshah Healthy Babies group on Mondays 11:00am-1:00pm

Communities I Serve

Tseshah First Nation

Monday to Friday

Port Alberni

Monday to Friday

Tla-o-qui-aht First Nations (Ty-Histanis) Every Other Tuesday

Contact Information

Tasha Sam

(250) 724-0202 opt. 3

tasha.sam@nuuchahnulth.org

Training I have done

- Moe the Mouse
- STARS
- ECCE Certificate
- Child Care First Aid
- Growing Great Kids

Tseshaht Healthy Babies

Please join Tasha Sam and Wendy Stubbs at Tseshaht Healthy Babies Group

Every Monday 11:00am-1:00pm

EJ Dunn School- The Hub located in the back of the school

(Parking is available in the parking lot off 18th Ave)

Light snack will be provided

Tseshaht healthy babies' group is for parents, pregnant mothers, and grandparents of children between the ages of 0-3 years old.

Let's get together to have discussions on different topics and have a little fun along the way

Masks are required while in the hallways and please sanitize your hands upon arrival. We have a limited amount of people that are allowed in the group space, so please sign up for days you wish to attend by FB or calling.

Please follow us on FB Tseshaht Healthy Babies Group

If you have any questions please contact
Tasha Sam at 250-724-0202 ex.3



No Problem is too Big or too Small

Teechukt Child and Youth Mental Health Youth Counselling

Youth ages 19 and under

- Supports youth to identify problems
- Helps promote awareness and growth to work through difficulties by supporting day to day interventions for children/youth using a variety of therapeutic techniques such as;
 - = relationship building
 - = expressive therapies
 - = cognitive behavioral strategies
 - = play and creative arts related to self-concept
 - = problem solving, emotional regulation, mindfulness.

Location: Tsechaht Family Center

Dates / Time: Tuesday

10:00am-6:00pm

For appointments please contact:

Melinda Sinclair

(250) 735-8896 (text or phone)

CYPH@nuuchahnulth.org



Patient Travel

Effective Immediately Patient Travel Forms Will Not Be Processed Without An Attached Confirmation Form.

No Exceptions.

To submit for Patient Travel please call, email or fax confirmation of appointment along with any other required paperwork. Pick up payments can be made at the office.

Gloria: 250.730.2446

Patient Travel Fax: 778.419.2725



WHAT KIND OF COMMUNICATIONS CAN YOU EXPECT TO RECEIVE?

- ◆ Newsletters
- ◆ Urgent Bulletins
- ◆ Community Engagement/Meeting Notices
- ◆ Community Events Information
- ◆ & More!

We are looking for better ways to communicate with Tseshaht Membership.


Would you be interested in hearing from us via email? phone? please let us know what works best for you!

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____ Status #: _____

Please note that all communication is in adherence with Canadian Anti Spam Legislation (CASL). By giving your email you are giving your express consent to receive electronic messages from Tseshaht First Nation. There is no time limit for this consent, however you may withdraw your consent at anytime by emailing community@tseshaht.com

For more information on CASL please see www.fightspam.gc.ca



**“My past is not who I am.
What happened to me is not
my identity,
I am not my behaviours.
I am the pure spirit knitted by
the Creator.
My identity is in my ancestors,
my culture and my faith in
who I know I was created to
be.
I am Unique.
I am me.”
–Unknown**

“Hey everyone I am still here!”

Youth Outreach & Counselling with Linda Pelech

Online: <https://doxy.me/lindapelech>

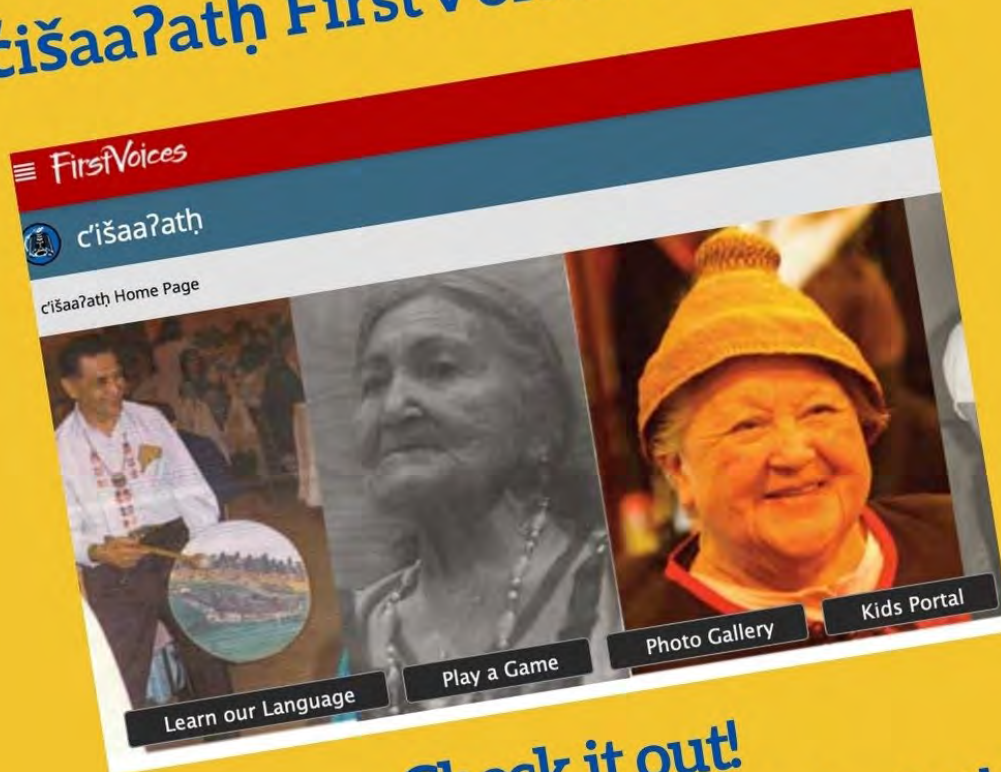
Phone: 250.720.3091

When: 5:00pm-12:00 midnight

Who: Any Youth or Adult

Wednesdays - Sundays

Want to learn our language?
Have you checked out our
čišaa?ath FirstVoices archive?



Check it out!
www.firstvoices.com - čišaa?ath





Happy Holidays

The Housing Department will be collecting rent via e-transfer to canderson@tseshaht.com or by certified cheque through the mail slot at the administration building until December 18, 2020 at 3:00 PM

The office re-opens for regular business hours on Monday January 4th, 2021
Rental payments received after January 6th, 2021 will receive a \$25.00 late fee. Wishing you all a safe and happy holiday season!





Pet Care

During the winter months pets require bedding that will keep them warm and dry in a wet and cold climate. Pet beds and blankets may not work because they can get wet and freeze. If your pet stays outdoors please research the proper bedding to use throughout the winter months. Some pet owners use hay or straw, please research which the best option for your beloved pet. A friendly reminder tenants in social housing are permitted to keep one pet; any additional pets must be approved by the Housing Department. Pet ownership is not permitted in any of the multi-plex buildings.





Social Housing Tenants, 65+ Elders, PWD Holiday Emergency Contacts

The office will be closed for holiday's season from December 21st, 2020 and reopening January 4th, 2021.

This notice applies to tenants who live in a Social Housing unit, members over the age of 65 and members who currently have PWD status.

Emergencies are defined as plumbing/hot water tank not working, heating (no heat), leaking roof, frozen pipes or leaking pipes, electrical malfunction, stove or fridge malfunction. If you experience a Housing emergency during the holiday season please contact:

- Deshana Sanderson at 250-918-4807

If there is an emergency such as a flood, fire, or if your safety or security is at risk please phone 911.

Should you have a social issue emergency that requires after hours support during the holidays, please call one of the following appropriate service providers:

- Kuu-us Crisis Line: 250-723-4050 (24 Hour outreach available)
- Teen Line: 250-723-2040
- Emergency Women's Shelter: 250-724-2223
- Help Line Children: 250-310-1234
- St. Vincent de Paul: 250-723-7721 (temporary assistance with food and clothing from unexpected circumstances)
- Port Alberni Hostel Society: 250-723-6511
- Bread of Life: 250-723-4049
- Salvation Army(food/clothing): 250-723-6913
- Alberni Hospice Society: 250-723-4478
- Women's Resource: 250-724-7111(can connect you with Victim Services)

Anything related to emergency Septic tank back up call Thomas Fred 250-720-7753 or Rick Mack 250-735-7753.

TSESHAHT FIRST NATION
COUNCIL ELECTION 2020

NOTICE RE WITHDRAWN CANDIDATES ON BALLOTS

I understand that some Voters have raised concerns regarding Candidate names appearing on the ballot after that Candidate has withdrawn from the election.

Unfortunately, this can and does happen. This is because while Candidates are able to withdraw right up to the date of the polls, mail in ballot packages must be distributed long before this date and once the ballots have been mailed out, they cannot be changed.

Given that this situation is inevitable, I routinely employ a number of strategies to minimize its impact.

1. In cooperation with Administration, I post a *Notice of Candidate Withdrawal* whenever a Candidate withdraws.
2. On polling day, I inform every voter of any of Candidates who have withdrawn but whose name continues to be on the ballot.

Once again, I thank all Voters for their patience and understanding especially during these times of covid-19.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me by phone or email.

Given under my hand at Victoria, this 29th day of October 2020.

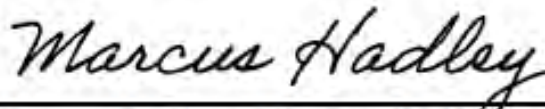
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Signature of Electoral Officer

**TSESHAHT FIRST NATION
CANDIDATE LIST - FINAL**

BRAKER, MENNES HUGH
DICK, CYNTHIA
FOXCROFT, DEBRA
FRED, BELLA
GALLIC, JENNIFER
GOMEZ, VALENTINE
GUS, MELISSA
HAMEL, CAMILLE
JOE, EUNICE
MARSHALL, NATASHA
PEARSON, GINA
ROBINSON, MARGARET
ROSS, EDWARD
SAM, LES
TAYLOR, E. DARLENE
THOMAS, JEAN
WATTS, DAVID SR.
WATTS, KEN
WATTS, RICHARD
RAMPANEN (WATTS), TAMIKO
RUPERT, ROBERT
WHITE, VICTORIA
WYLIE, HARLEY

Given under my hand this 9th day of November 2020



Marcus Hadley, Electoral Officer

Reminder to everyone:

Be wildlife aware!

If you encounter wildlife, please get to a safe place,
being as loud as possible. Then call:

Conservation at 1-877-952-7277



TAX EXEMPT

HYDRO, TELEPHONE, OR CABLE

Your Hydro, Telephone or Cable are tax exempt if you live in the Tseshaht First Nation Community and have a status number.

Leave a copy of your status Card, Hydro, TELUS or Cable (Shaw etc.) at the Admin Office and a letter will be sent to the provider to remove the tax.

Please contact Jane Jones at 250.724.1225 or email jjones@tseshaht.com . If you require further information.



**We want your information
– not your name!**



1-800-222-TIPS (8477)



bccrimestoppers.com





Recycle *right* at the curb

YES! Recycle these at the curb



MIXED PAPER



EMPTY AEROSOL CANS
NO HAZARDOUS MATERIALS



CARDBOARD
& BOXBOARD



PAPER BEVERAGE
CUPS & LIDS



TIN & ALUMINUM
CONTAINERS/FOIL



PAPER PACKAGING
THAT CONTAINED
LIQUIDS



PLASTIC BOTTLES,
CONTAINERS
& TUBS <25L



PLASTIC GARDEN
PLANT POTS & TRAYS

Recycling tips

- Place recyclables into totes loose; **do not bag materials**.
*Exception: shredded paper must be contained in a clear plastic bag or paper bag.
- Ensure recyclables are clean.
- Remove all caps, lids and spray nozzles. Plastic caps and lids can go in the tote once separated.

- Place tote at the curb by 7:00 am on your collection day.
- Flatten containers as much as possible to save space.
- Ensure all items fit securely in the tote. Ensure light items are weighted down.
- No hazardous materials.

NOT at the curb! Bring to 3rd!

These items can be recycled at the 3rd Ave. Recycling Depot or the AV Landfill Recycling Depot



PLASTIC BAGS &
OVERWRAP*



GLASS JARS &
CONTAINERS*



STYROFOAM*

Recycling locations for other items

Electronics (TVs, computers, printers) - 3rd Ave. Recycle Depot, 3620 3rd Ave. and the Bottle Depot, 3533 4th Ave.

Small Appliances & Power Tools - 3rd Ave. Recycle Depot, 3620 3rd Ave.

Residential/Household Paint, Flammable Liquids, Pesticides or Gasoline - 3rd Ave. Recycle Depot, 3620 3rd Ave.

Lights, Lamps, Ballasts and Fixtures - 3rd Ave. Recycle Depot, 3620 3rd Ave.

Donate textile items to the *Diabetes Canada Clothesline* at the Drop Box located at the 3rd Ave. Recycle Depot.

Clothesline accepts: Gently used clothing, bedding, sleeping bags, belts, ties, handbags, yarn, blankets, drapes, jewelry, hats, pillows, shoes and all footwear.



Reminder- Please Do Not Put Plastic Bags and Overwrap in your curbside tote.
(Bring them to the Recycle Depots)

Not sure what goes in your recycling tote?

ACRD: 250-720-2700

WEB: www.recyclinginbc.ca

EMAIL:

recycling@acrd.bc.ca

Don't bag your curbside recycling

Why? Bagged recyclables can't be sorted by automated machines and end up in the landfill. Keep recyclables loose in your curbside tote and take plastic bags to the recycling centre. **Learn to recycle right at the curb.**



For a complete list of what can be recycled and where, visit www.acrd.bc.ca/recycling-directory

RECYCLEBC



May 2020 to April 2021 Tseshaht FN

Note: Your Recycling Pickup Day is shown shaded in BLUE

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For more information on what can be put in your curbside recycling bins visit www.recyclinginbc.ca

PLEASE ENSURE THAT YOUR RECYCLABLES ARE CLEAN WHEN PUT OUT FOR RECYCLING

For service inquiries contact Waste Management @ 1-800-774-9748

 Recycling Pick-Up Day

RECYCLING BLUE BOX IS TO BE PLACED AT THE CURB BEFORE **7:00 am** ON COLLECTION DAY

 Statutory Holidays

If a Statutory Holiday falls on a Monday, pick-up will happen the following day
regular pick-up day



2020

Tseshaht Garbage Pick-up



Regular Pick-up							Holiday Pick-up						
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CONNECT WITH US!



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 F: 250.724.4385



www.Tseshaht.com



Tseshaht First Nation



[tseshaht_first_nation](https://www.instagram.com/tseshaht_first_nation)

Hugh Braker

-25 years as a lawyer specializing in aboriginal people and the law, appointed Q.C. by the Province of BC, received the Aboriginal Achievement award for law and politics, published approximately 100 papers on the law, has made presentations at conferences and universities in the US, Australia, New Zealand, Brazil and Norway and in all parts of Canada. Chair of the Board of the NRT, President of the First Nations Fisheries Council of BC, President of the Native Courtworkers Association and previous President of approximately ten other organizations.

Claims

When I was first ran for council, I stated that Tseshaht had been taken advantage of for almost 200 years. I made settlement of Tseshaht specific claims and our land claim a priority. No other previous council had pursued all our 20+ specific claims. We are now close to settlement of our claim for the loss of Iwachis at Franklin River. I have in the past estimated a settlement of over \$10 million. I must now up that estimate to at least \$15 million. We are also negotiating to settle the forced removal of Tseshaht from our community at the foot of Argyle St. (Wolf Village). I believe that claim to be worth much more than Iwachis. In total, I believe Tseshaht will receive between \$50 and \$75 million for settlement of all it's specific claims over the next 8 years or so. I have stated several times that we can use those settlements for the costs of our land claim, other Tseshaht projects and a per capita distribution. It is a fact of life, that some of our elders may not live to see the end of our claims. A per capita distribution of some of the funds would allow all our elders, and all other Tseshaht, to see the benefit of these settlements. Our land claim is the key to Tseshaht's future. Once we control our lands, river and maritime resources we will hopefully end the conflicts with DFO, guarantee Tseshaht children jobs for the future, lift our First Nation out of economic pressures and allow us to invest in retaining Tseshaht culture and language.

Education Jurisdiction

I continue to represent Tseshaht in education jurisdiction negotiations with BC and Canada. The 14 First Nations are very close to concluding these negotiations. We hope to implement the jurisdiction next September. Haahuupayak has supported these negotiations since day 1. Over the next 5 months there will be a complex number of information sessions, votes and council decisions that the Tseshaht must make to implement the jurisdiction.

Forestry

Tseshaht is facing a number of challenges on forestry issues including simple matters such as securing firewood for elders, to far more complex issues such as the sale of TFL 44 interests to the Huuayaht. A large part of TFL 44 lies within Tseshahat territory. Ultimately, I believe our land claim will settle these issues, but until our land claim is finished in court, we must work to protect our interests in forestry.

Emergency Preparedness

As the Councillor responsible for Emergency Preparedness, we have dealt with a number of emergencies over the past 8 years including Tsunami alerts, windstorms, flooding and, now, a pandemic. I am very proud of the Tseshahat Emergency crew. Tseshahat is often called upon to make presentations as we are viewed as one of the most effective Emergency programmes for First Nations. During this pandemic Tseshahat's Emergency crew made educating and informing our people on and off reserve a priority, as well as providing effective cleaning supplies to our most vulnerable members and providing non-grocery store items such as fish, urchin, oysters, clams and mussels to our elders and some members. Tseshahat also did a per capita distribution of funds to assist all our members with extra costs. Protecting our most vulnerable members is the Tseshahat emergency crew's goal.

ʔuuqʷaatisʔaqsup Cynthia Dick

ʔukʷaamaḥ ʔuuqʷaatisʔaqsup, mamaʔnii ʔimtii Cynthia Dick, ʕiʕaaʔaqsumah. ʕawaaknah.ʔaḥa ʔukʷaama Arianna Watts. ʔumʔiiqsakah Eileen Watts, ʕiʕaaʔaḥ, ʔuwiiqsakah Richard Dick Sr., ʕiʕaaʔaḥ, ʔiʕ ʔuḥikʷitaḥ ʔuwiiqsu Carl Bob, Snaw-naw-as, nananiiqsakah Ron and Marlene Dick, Deborah Bob, ʔuḥikʷitaḥ nananiiqsu Anita and Wattse Schievink, John Watts Sr., Carl Bob Sr.



It has been a privilege and such a great opportunity to serve ʕiʕaaʔaḥ First Nation over the past four years as your elected Chief Councillor. I want to recognize the past leaders that have brought us to where we are today and the foundation, they have built for us. There is still a lot of work that needs to be done to ensure we continue to move forward for our children and upcoming generations. I have accepted my nomination for the 2020 ʕiʕaaʔaḥ election to continue the work needed to keep our Nation moving forward. Through the past four and a half years there have been many challenges and lessons learned which gave us the opportunity to make changes that stimulated growth. We need to commit to our values of ʔiisaak (respect) and hiʕuk ʔiʕ ʕawaak (we are all one and interconnected) in everything that we do. Some of the key priorities I will continue to support include:

- **Mental Health and Addictions;** we continue to see the impacts of residential schools, colonization and the intergenerational traumas that exist in our community. I will support much-needed healing necessary to improve the health & wellness of our members.
- **Building Relationships;** it is important that we continue to build new relationships to support our work toward a brighter future. This includes relationships within ourselves, our families, our ʕiʕaaʔaḥ community and all external stakeholders.
- **Language and Culture;** we are at a critical time in our history where it is up to us to take the necessary steps in preserving our teachings, traditions, culture and who we are as ʕiʕaaʔaḥ people for our children and next generations. Our ancestors, elders and knowledge keepers have held onto this for us through the most challenging times and it is up to us to breathe life into these teachings.
- **Governance;** in this past term on council we started the dialogue with our hereditary leaders on how we can be more inclusive in our decision-making processes. We need to continue to stand up our hereditary system and find new ways to be more inclusive.

This past term as council we have had challenges and successes and together with staff and community many initiatives did continue to move forward. We will continue to reduce our debt, increase economic development and opportunities, increase transparency and accountability, support education, and solidify the mission and vision of ʕiʕaaʔaḥ through our CCP, governance structures, policies and procedures. Together we can continue the work of building a strong, healthy and proud community for our children. ʕaaʕaatiqamah siiwa (I thank you all).



Candidate for Tseshaht Council

Debra Foxcroft has made significant contributions and continues to direct her positive energies as a committed, responsible and strong leader with over 35 years' experience working with and advocating for the health and well-being of First Nations peoples

Deb Foxcroft is a recipient of the Order of British Columbia and is the daughter of the late James and Jeanette Gallic and granddaughter of the late Jeff Gallic (Jimmy Gallic) and late Jessie Gallic (nee Campbell). She is also a sister, auntie, mother and grandmother; a proud and strong Tseshaht woman.

Deb approaches her work with honesty, integrity, and strong values. She has a proven track record of service grounded in commitment, continuity, and strong leadership.

EXPERIENCE:

- Held a 7-year term on Tseshaht First Nation Treaty Negotiation team, and a 4-year term on Tseshaht FN council.
- Four-year term as President of the Nuuchahnulth Tribal Council 2013-2017.
- Is currently self employed as a keynote speaker and facilitator for forums, panels and meetings.
- Elder advisor, and a strong advocate for children, youth, and families.
- 2006- 2012 was appointed to Assistant Deputy Minister position and Special Advisor for the Ministry of Children and Family Development.
- Extensive experience as a board chair and active member on Regional, Provincial, and National leadership tables and committees.
- Extensive experience working as a community liaison for crisis intervention, conflict resolution and mediation.

Over the next 4 years, as candidate for Tseshaht Council,
Debra's priorities will be:

1. **Good Governance:** purposeful decision-making, participation, accountability and transparency.
2. **Positive Relationship Building:** accept and celebrate differences, listen effectively, trust, communication, give people my time.
3. **Culture and Language:** fosters positive identity, community pride, values, beliefs; and customs.
4. **Children, Youth, and Community Wellness:** support services, intervention, mentorship, prevention, safety and health.

With her many years of experience in advocacy on a community, regional, national and international basis, Debra Foxcroft brings to the table a solution oriented, values based and collaborative way of working that honors her deep Tseshaht family roots.

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Profile: Bella Fred

My name is Bella Fred, née Joe. I was raised in Port Alberni by two wonderful parents: Late Judy Joe, née Dick, (whose parents were Veronica Dick, née Gus originally from Squamish and Thomas Dick from Tseshaht); and Late Herbert Joe, (whose parents were Bella Joe, née Watts originally from Tseshaht and Wilson Joe from Huu-ah-aht). I reside in the Tseshaht community with my husband, Thomas Fred, and our three children: Brenden, Ashley and Jasmine.



My education and employment background include accounting and social development and health. I began my education at North Island college where I completed my Certificate in Business Administration, which then lead to completing a Diploma in Business Management (Accounting option). After completing my diploma at North Island College, I continued my education at Malaspina University College (now called Vancouver Island University) and obtained by Bachelor of Arts Degree with a Major in Business Administration (Accounting stream).

After college, I worked at the Nuuchahnulth Tribal Council office for nine years. I worked as the Non-Insured Health Benefits (NIHB) clerk for about five and a half years where I learned about the NIHB programs such as vision care, medical supplies and equipment, patient travel, pharmacy and Non-insured Mental Health benefits. I then worked as an NTC Nursing Program Administrative Assistant for nearly three and a half years where I learned about the Community Health and Home and Community Care Nursing Programs.

I then went to work at the Tseshaht First Nation Administration office for nearly eight years. I began working there as the Social and Health Administrative Assistant where I processed income assistance benefits, and for a short time, medical travel. I excelled in the Income Assistance Program and was able to grasp a very strong understanding of the program. This lead to working as the Acting Social Development Administrator and then the Program Manager for Social Development and Health. I have extensive experience in the social and health program areas as each job I've held progressively built on each other; and, it has provided me with sound knowledge of these program areas. It was a great pleasure to work for the community at the Tseshaht Administration Office.

Having accounting as my education background has been a great asset in being able to perform my duties in all of the jobs that I have held. I have always enjoyed working in the field of accounting, which lead to a difficult decision to leave my employment with Tseshaht First Nation and accept a position in the accounts payable department at the Nuuchahnulth USMA office, where I have been employed since December 2019.

It is an honour to be nominated for Tseshaht First Nation Council Election 2020 and I accept this nomination in good faith. I value integrity, accountability, fairness, respectfulness and kindness. I believe in a collaborative approach; it is important to work together as we are all connected; we all have one common goal to work in the best interest for Tseshaht. We are stronger when we work together. It would be an even greater honour to be elected as a Tseshaht Council member, to work alongside the other elected council members in continuing to strive towards a strong, healthy and vibrant community.

Thank you.



My name is Val Gomez. My mother was Lily Gus and my father was Valentine Gomez Sr.

I am running for Tseshaht council 2020.

I have been a member of the education, membership and fisheries committees as well I have been on the fisheries review panel, Tseshaht custom election code working group, and 2 comprehensive community planning working groups. I attended public school in Seattle as a boy, Ha-Ho-Payuk, North Island College and Emily Carr Institute of Art and Design. I am an artist. I attend band meetings as much as possible and I am always a part of the community. My intention is always to help. No one person can do everything but individuals working together can make change. One of my strengths is communication. Another strength is getting people to gather. As a member of council I will advocate and work to help Tseshaht achieve self reliance. I am already committed to Tseshaht and our ways.

Elect Val Gomez to Tseshaht council for change.

Tlecko, Tlecko for the Nomination – ʔuklaamah Gonocolit (English name Melissa Gus)

I am from the Watts, Sam and Gus houses of Tse-shaht.

- My parents Margaret E. Gus (Sam) and Late William Barry Gus
- My maternal Grand Parents were the late Agnes Sam (Watts) and Charlie Sam
- My paternal Grand Parents were the late Reginald Gus and Phyllis Gus (Baker)

I look forward to everything that comes after accepting my nomination and becoming a candidate in our upcoming election for a seat at the table of Tse-shaht First Nation Council. I'd wish everyone best of luck through the process.

I was born and raised in Tse-shaht Territory, but I have been away just over 10 years. I am now home full time and have been home for almost two years. I am a single mom of 4 children, and one grandchild. For the first 12 years of my professional life I have worked in Community Service and Social Services Administration finishing in Employment Training with Nuuchahnulth Tribal Council. Over the last 9 Years I have worked within Youth Employment, Child/ Youth and Family Navigation in the Snuneymuxw Territory where I also called home during the years I lived away. Currently I am working from home full-time as the Indigenous Employment Outreach Coordinator with WorkBC Nanaimo.

My passion for Indigenous advocacy personally and professionally in community has been a part of my life's upbringing and guided me through my professional career choices over the years. I have some really great mentors that have guided me on this path, my grandparents, my father, and my aunt. I have watched each of them shape the lives of youth and young adults in different ways.

Majority of my growth and professional development has come from being an Urban Indigenous person living away from home. Experiencing firsthand what it's like to be without your community and thrive with systems that are not supportive. I had to learn quick and strong to become an advocate for myself and my children and those that I supported professionally.

The strength's I bring to our community members is 15 years of 'community and indigenous advocacy.' I am passionate about minimizing but preferably eliminating social service, community service, health service, employment service, access to safe housing, and economic growth barriers for at risk youth, infants, children, young adults families, elders, members with disabilities - our community as a whole.

Like many I have a strong cultural teachings that have played just a big role in my personal and profession position in life and have lived by those teachings passed on to me from some of our greatest teachers in song, dance, language (one day I dream to be a fluent speaker).

I am prepared to put forward the commitment, energy and effort necessary at re-building community confidence in our Nation. I speak from the heart, I work from the heart but I also respect a strong team with vision.

- Address and minimize community barriers for at risk families, children, youth, young adults and members with disabilities.
- Address and minimize community biases
- Encourage and support community voice
- My dream is a more robust Health and Wellness Centre for our community with bountiful access to Mental Health, Suicide Prevention, Physical Health, and Healthy Communication for Families, Young Parents, children, and Youth.

Every move we make going forward shapes the resiliency of our members. Together let's set our members up with a solid foundation to grow from - I am ready to be accountable for the next generations.



My name is Nalaga, my English name is Camille Hamel, my parents are Gina Pearson (nee Watts) and Alfred Shewish and his wife June. My grandmother is Darleen Watts, my late grandparents are Cecil Wadhams Sr and Florrie Matlipi (nee Mountain) from Alert Bay, Gerald Sr and Philomena (nee Underwood) Fred, Raphael and Marie (nee Watts) Johnnie from Duncan. I have 3 sisters (Olivia, Enya, and Briah) and my stepbrother David. My late brother is Adam Fred.

I have been happily married to my husband; Leon for 9 years and we are raising 4 beautiful children, 3 girls at the age of 5, and a little boy who is 4. We have been fostering them for 4 years, and have full custody of 2.

I completed high school in 2000 from Alberni District Secondary School, I then furthered my education in Cosmetology, where I received a Nail Technician and an Esthetics certificate. My most recent education is Medical/Dental Office Management, which I graduated in 2010.

I've been working a variety of jobs since I was 16 yrs old. I started at the Tseshah Market, I worked in the Fisheries Department with the Tseshah First Nation, Administration for Family & Child Services, a painter (Commercial and Residential), with housekeeping being my current job. I have volunteered all over Port Alberni, varying from AVB concessions, Tlu Piich games, community events within Tseshah, score keeping basketball, baseball and softball.

I have many skills that help me in a variety of ways to solve problems. I have found that my past experiences, good and bad, have helped me with my people skills, communicating well with others.

My hopes if elected, is to help clear a path to a brighter future for our next generations to come. I would like to see the start of a reconciliation of our lands, more involvement with and from our youth, building a stronger future for the Tseshah Community. I will listen to our people and hear their voices, to echo them so they have been heard.

Thank you for my nominations and the opportunity to run for Council.

My Nuu-chah-nulth name is Tla-ah-shuks. My parents are (late) Judy Joe (Dick) originally from Tseshaht and (late) Herbie Joe of Huu-ay-aht. My maternal Grandparents are Thomas Dick (whose parents were Isabel Dick and Alfred Joseph of Tseshaht and Hupacasath respectively) and Veronica Dick (Guss) (whose parents were Maggie Sampson and Alex Guss of Squamish Nation). My paternal Grand Parents are Wilson Joe (whose parents were Joseph Joe and Jenny Joe of Huu-ay-aht) and Bella Joe (Watts) (Whose parents were Eva and Watty Watts). I have five sisters: (late) Marria Jimmy, Veronica Williams, Judy Ann Jimmy, Patricia Jimmy, and Bella Fred. I am blessed to be the mother of three grown children: Kathaleen, Jenna and Harold.

I am truly honored to accept this nomination for Tseshaht First Nation Council and the potential opportunity to serve a third term for our Nation. I was first elected to serve on Council in 2012 for a four-year term and was re-elected in 2016. My overall approach as a representative of Tseshaht is to be an ambassador for the Nation and to uphold the community values in all that I do.

I hold a Master of Arts Leadership Degree with a Health Specialization from Royal Roads University and a Bachelor of Arts Degree with a Major in First Nations Studies from Vancouver Island University. I have a passion for learning as well as supporting the learning of others, particularly in a cross-cultural context.

In my career, I've had the honor of supporting all 50 First Nations of Vancouver Island as well as other First Nations throughout the province. I am currently employed with the First Nations Health Authority (FNHA) as the Director, Regional Engagement for Vancouver Island where I provide senior level expertise and leadership in the areas of planning, policy, communications, relationships and regional management. My employment has provided me with a wealth of resources and information to support promotion of the BC First Nations Perspective on Wellness. My vision is to utilize my educational and employment experience to enhance my leadership capabilities to better serve First Nations People, bridging cultural barriers and supporting health & wellness for our Nation as well as all First Nations in the province.

I value a meaningful collaborative approach that respects cultural values, traditions, protocols, and builds on the strengths of our First Nations communities. I have a genuine desire to provide continued leadership working toward creating a better future.

I approach my work from a place of respect that is grounded in traditional teachings of "Hishuk ish Tsawalk" – everything is one and all is connected. I am thankful for the confidence our Nation has had in me to support the governance role of Council for the last eight years. I humbly accept my nomination and the opportunity to continue service in a governance capacity for our Nation.



NATASHA MARSHALL GALLIC

TSESHAHT COUNCIL CANDIDATE 2020

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seated in particular place in
longhouse and canoe

Her Lineage:

Willard Gallic Jr., father
Willarg Gallic Sr. & Ruth
Sam, grandparents

Josephine Johnston, mother
Evelyn & Anthony Marshall,
grandparents

Her Children:

Mercedes Marshall Gallic
Marilyn Marshall

University Of British Columbia,

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She works at the Indigenomics Institute as a Junior Project Assistant to its CEO, Carol Ann Hilton. Indigenomics draws on ancient principles that have supported indigenous economies for thousands of years, and works to implement them as modern business practices.

Natasha is familiar with working political, administrative, and legal structures from working with Ahousaht Fishing Corporation (AFC), interning at Nuu-chah-nulth Economic Development Corporation, and her current position.

Ahousaht being the largest of Nuu-chah-nulth Nations, Natasha respected the importance and urgency to be successful. AFC has given her insight into researching all facets of what a community wants and needs through developing employment opportunities from its Nations' commercial fishing access. Her main task was writing the business plans for AFC applying to Canada's federal Pacific Integrated Commercial Fishing Initiative (PICFI). This experience gave her insight in communicating with its members, the corporation, and Chief and Council.

She learned to listen carefully to all points of view, consider the needs of the community, and communicate the goals of the Nation through the business plans. Her willingness and determination to work to benefit this Nation and its members was reflected in the work she accomplished over eight years. Her goal is to apply this during her term.

Natasha has a sincere desire to improve the quality of community life. She feels inspired about strengthening the community. Great governance creates quality programming and services, and supports strong leadership/administration, which in turn improves the overall standard of living. No more status quo. She is passionate, determined and respectful.

She feels a Council should be fair, open and accountable to its members. She has a strong sense of self, willingness to learn, good health, and a positive attitude. She shares her skills, knowledge, and business acumen to grow a brighter future for all *cišaa?ath*.

Naa naa sitaks

Gina Pearson



2020 Tseshahat Elections

My name is naa naa sitaks, my mumuxnee name is Gina Pearson. I live and breathe Tseshahat being raised by my grandparents, late Charlie Watts (son of Watty and Lal Watts) and Minnie Watts (Bill, daughter of Tommy and Lucy Bill). I was taught my strength by them and my mom, Darleen Watts who taught me to be a strong woman and stand up for what I believe in.

I respect all who I grew up around because they taught me responsibility and independence. I've learned in my life that "others will try hurt you but if you turn the other cheek, you are the better person".

I was raised to be educated and hard working; to care for community and the people I work for.

I've been to Camosun College - Recreation and Leadership, UBC - Aboriginal Health and Community Administration Program, Banff Center - Community Management, PCU College - Holistic Healing, Thompson River University - Social Development/ Social Services Program, Justice Institute- EOC (Emergency Operations Center) Program. I received certificates for every bit of training and knowledge and I take pride in all I have done to be successful. All this training has taught me Administrative skills, understanding individuals, strategic planning, event planning, community engagement, listening and understanding skills and holistic healing.

My goal is to continue on what is yet to be done, working with council and community to ensure that nothing gets left behind.

I live a good, positive life and I believe that knowledge is power; the more we know as a community, the stronger and better we become as one.

A vote for me is a vote for transparency, openness and honesty. Those who know me well will confirm this with you.

Being elected to council is my continued commitment to our community, chuuh

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Gina Pearson



ʔuklaamah Tamiko Nicole Rampanen (Watts), Haa-ta-ulth.

My name is Tamiko, many have known me by Nicole or Nickie Watts. My Husband is Damon Rampanen Tuu-qwa-ish-ʔii-a-tup, and we have three children. My parents are Jackie A. Watts and Hamilton ‘Hammy’ Watts.

I have grown up in Port Alberni for most of my life, spending a handful of years away in Victoria and Comox, and nothing compares to the love I have for my community. I attended Vancouver Island University and North Island College; making Dean’s List in Adventure and Eco Tourism. As a High School Student I was Chair of the Nashuk Youth Council for 2 years and co chaired for 1 year.

I have had the honor of sitting on Housing Committee for 2 terms, Education and Culture & Language committees. I have worked in the Office as many different Intern Roles. Such as Fisheries intern and Projects Intern, and did an Internship at the CAP site. I have also spent a summer in my Youth at the Tseshaht Market, and many camping trips volunteering to watch our children/youth in the Broken Group Islands.

When I lived away from the Community I worked at a Non-profit adult literacy centre; teaching technology and English as a Second Language. I pride myself on being a Role Model.

I am very humbled and honoured to be running for Tseshaht Council 2020.

Kleco,
Tamiko Nicole Watts

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



Nasimius Edward Ross

I am the son of Lena and Darrell Ross Sr. I am the proud father of my five beautiful children Erik, Memphis, Innisa, Mia, and Parris. I was born and raised here in our Tseshaht community for my entire life and have had the chance to learn from many great teachers throughout that time. Some of the most profound teachers in my life have been late Cathy Robinson, Carrie Little, my grandpa Vernon and Art Peters. I am very passionate about carrying our teachings and culture forward in a

good way. I love to sing our songs and be a part of sharing that with our children every chance we get. I have decided to accept my nomination to run for council because I believe we need to start working together as one. One of our strongest teachings has always been togetherness and unity, which is what we need to get back to. We need to start working together as Tseshaht and as a community for our children and recognizing the individual strengths of one another rather than competing. I am also proactive at building relationships and connecting with the right people to help our nation be successful. I strongly believe in the teachings of our Tlukwaana which have been instilled in me for as long as I can remember. It is important that we lead by example and set a good example for our children and community. I have always respected the voice of the people and if elected would make sure the people's voice is heard. I would like to support Council by incorporating more culture in all of the business we do including, council meetings, community meetings, events and the business we do with others. As a fisherman I would also like to support in our fisheries opportunities. I have been fishing for my entire life and it is very important to me that I support the advancement of our fisheries for our entire community. I have had the pleasure of learning from past fishermen such as Pushy and Willie and want to carry those teachings forward to support our people. I understand the waters, the fish, the protocols, and the value of our fisheries. I would also like to see more economic development so we can provide more opportunities to our members and to be self-sufficient in supporting our own programs. Now is the time that we start moving forward together as one and supporting our members to reach their greatest potential and I would like to support that work. The strength I carry myself with is because of my community, my teachers, and our ancestors. I want to hold us up, I want to represent our Nation, my family, and my kids with honour and respect.

My name is Robert (Bobby) Rupert. I come from the Gus family, of the Tseshahit First Nation. My mother, late Caroline (Gus) Fournier is the daughter of late Fred & Edna Gus.

My grandfather, Fred Gus basically raised me. He taught me many valuable life skills & lessons. Such as, being a hard worker to provide for your family & using your voice to rise up for what is right. I plan to utilize & expand these teachings for the benefit of Tseshahit as a whole.

When I imagine myself on Council I can see myself standing up & speaking for equality, economic opportunities/developments & most importantly, working as a team member with other council members to ensure that our community is well taken care of from all aspects & we will continue to strive as a community, making things a little better & easier for our future generations.

I believe that an essential building block for the foundation of any healthy community, is unity; between male, female, youth, adults & elders. I hope & plan to strengthen the unity because I know that our elders are our backbone, our knowledge holders & the rest of us, especially the youth need to hear them. Whether that be done through cultural gatherings or funded education programs, it is vital.

I also feel passionate about teaching our youth about hunting, fishing, gathering & making sure our elders are taken care of throughout the winter with adequate housing & essential

supplies. These are just a few goals I plan to put
into action as a team member of the Tsooshaht Council.
Thank you for your time, chu



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FUTURE OF TSESHAHT

I know that right team with the right leadership will envision and create a sustainable and better future for our Tseshaht Membership.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions & I look forward to talking with as many members as possible on what their hopes and expectations are for Tseshaht.

ABOUT ME

My parents were the late Chuck Sam & Sylvia (Sam) Broadfoot. I was raised on and have remained in our Tseshaht territory. Father to five children and two grandchildren.

WORK EXPERIENCE

Red Seal Carpenter
LES SAM CONSTRUCTION
(since 1986)

Tseshaht Fisherman (since 1962)

Tseshaht First Nation Council

Elected Chief Councilor (2004-2012)
Council Member (2012-2016)

Tseshaht Fisherman (since 1962)

I have served on the following boards:

Tseshaht Market (13 years)

NEDC board (4 years)

NTC HR (5 years)

and Haahuupayak School Board (2 years)

Elizabeth Darlene Taylor (aka Doll)

Band council election process 2020

I am the daughter of our late Chief Adam Shewish and carver Ramona Gus (Imya). My mother's parents were Lizzy Cole Taylor of Squamish Nation and Dave Taylor of Tseshah Nation, my grandfather's mother was Emma David who was a well known basket maker in her time and taught my mother's aunt Mabel Taylor.

Previously I went by my stepfathers surname and was commonly known as Darlene Gus. I grew up in an era where there were no jobs available for native women in the Alberni Valley. This caused me to leave to attend Camosun College and the University of Victoria in the mid-seventies. Because of my varied educational background I have worked in a variety of fields from the Robertson Creek Fish Hatchery with Fisheries Canada to the Canadian Forestry Service in Victoria, Indian Affairs in Vancouver to the Union of BC Indian Chiefs in the area of Environmental Health. My final and longest jobs were with Environment Canada as a weather observer and then a weather services specialist where I was deployed from Port Alberni, Lytton, Revelstoke, Vancouver, Kamloops and Victoria. When the jobs with Environment were contracted out I managed to get a job with Canada Revenue Agency. I worked the front counter helping people with their income tax returns and child benefit applications. Eventually in the 20+ years that I worked there I received training in Trusts & Estates and International Taxation. When I retired out of that job I was a Senior Agent who helped new agents in communicating with the public. In all I was worked for the public service for 30 years.

Since my return to Port Alberni in 2018 I have been actively involved in several committees and have attended many band meetings. I am currently on the Tseshah Market Committee, Tseshah financial board, the Comprehensive Community Planning committee (CCP) and the Land Claims Committee. I have been involved with the Council of Ha'wiih for fisheries and was formally seated in October.

My varied background will help with understanding and being an active band councilor.

Thank you for your consideration.

Good afternoon/evening:

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Jean Thomas mamałnii ʕimtii

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I am the eldest of late Robert & Rosie Thomas.

I have 6 brothers and 6 sisters.

I have 3 daughters,

Rachelle Packwood

Jacqueline Packwood &

Yvette L' Heureux

And 9 grandchildren and 2 great granddaughters.

I am employed by the nuučaanuł Tribal Council and sd70 as a nuučaanuł Education Worker and in my 11th year.

I have worked at many jobs throughout my short life and will continue working for as long as I am capable.

I feel that I am in a place in my life that I can contribute a lot as a Council Member.

I have many certificates that are displayed on my Facebook page.

I have been clean and sober for 35 years and quit smoking 10 years ago.

So please consider me in the next election.

If anyone has any questions feel free to call me or message me.

My cell # is 250-731-4197.

Thank you so much for your time and connsideration.

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David Watts Sr

For Tseshaht Council

"I bring dedication, determination, skill and fairness"



I am married to Annie Watts, the daughter of Alan Ross Sr (Kaanowish) and Rosie Ross. Our children are our beloved daughter Jennifer (Huupqwista-aks) who we tragically lost this past April, David Jr (Chachimsanup), and Nathan (Yaatsa-alth). My Father is Jack Watts and my Mother is Lillian Gus. My Grandparents on my father's side are Watty Watts (Yaatsa-alth) and Eva Thomas (Lal). My grandparents on my mother's side are George Gus (Wickaninish) and Gladys Owens (Clinta).

Community contributions include: Created an educational bursary in the name of Jennifer Watts at Ha-Ho-Payuk School. Supported loonie toonie auctions by way of donations and participating. Donated to bottle drives for youth basketball. Donated fish to community food distribution. Tseshaht Cemetery Beautification plots, donated food, clothing, blankets to local homeless and needy. Donated time to the local Salvation Army.

My interests and aspirations are to provide leadership that puts Tseshaht membership as first priority in filling jobs, attaining education, training, and fishing rights. Including Economic development that creates employment for Tseshaht membership, and ensuring Tseshaht benefits from the economic activities occurring in Tseshaht Territory. Furthermore, would address the problems of drug abuse and find solutions. During my term on Chief and Council as Elected Chief and elected Council, produced results with twelve Tseshaht jobs in a joint venture with Coulson Mill Works, and provided Road building contracts for a Tseshaht company. Provided Salvage work for Tseshaht members to cut cedar bolts. Furthermore, our council overseen, and directed the construction of Haahuupayak School. I am a regular at Tseshaht Band Meetings. Born, raised and live full time in Tseshaht. I was voted by the elders to be the Elders representative on the Tseshaht Land Claims Panel, and have extensive knowledge of Tseshaht history. In the past have held the positions of Chief Councillor, Treaty Chief Negotiator, President of Tsemac Manufacturing, Director of Nisma Silva culture, Director of Equis Forest Products. Requiring duties of financial planning, budgeting, management, negotiation of agreements,

and reporting on progress of business. Also, NTC Jurisdiction and Governance Mandate Working Group Coordinator during the Treaty negotiation process. For over eight years at NTC, I held the positions of NTC Capital Projects Advisor 2, Pre-employment Supports Program Coordinator for NTC Social Development Department, and prior to this was the Special Projects Coordinator for Nuuchahnulth Employment and Training Program. Also, a Professional driver, carpenter, millworker, logger and fisherman.

EDUCATION:

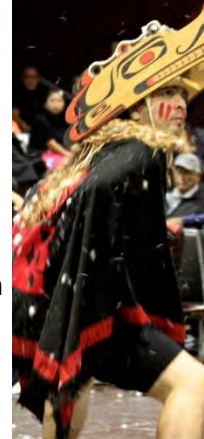
- **Vancouver Island University**, Business Administration Diploma
- **Camosun College**, Diploma Red Seal in Carpentry, and Certificate of Apprenticeship
- **Job Developers Institute**, Job Developer Certificate.
- **Alberni District Secondary School**, Grade twelve Graduate, Dogwood Diploma.
- **Additional Certificates;** **CAMERA** Assessor Training Certificate, **Excel 2010** Certificate, **Word 2010** Certificate, **Power Point 2010** Certificate, **Suicide First Aid** Certificate, **International Training in Communications** Certificate, **Negotiation Training** Certificate, **Book Publisher** Certificate, **Basic Computers** Certificate, Introduction to **Corel Draw 7.0** Certificate, Introduction to **ArcView** Certificate, and **SVOP** certificate.



Ken Watts for Tseshaht Elected Council 2020

My name is Wahmeesh (Ken Watts) and I am the eldest son of the late George Watts and my mother is Matilda Atleo. I am married to Priscilla and we have three children: Tristan, Noelani and Kailand. I have a Bachelor of Arts Degree with a Major in First Nations Studies from Vancouver Island University.

I was born and raised in Port Alberni and have lived most of my life in our community. Through my formal education, the experience I have gained throughout my career and the cultural teachings I have been raised with and continue to learn have all lead me to this path. I am passionate about this work and want to work with our community and leadership to achieve our goals and address our priorities as Tseshaht.



PAST

Recent roles: Tseshaht Elected Council: 2017-2020, Nuuchahnulth Tribal Council (NTC) Vice-President 2012-2017, Island Health Authority (formerly VIHA), Board Member 2018-2020, and Consultant and owner/operator of Noakai Indigenous Consulting(2017-Present)

PRESENT (*Recent success stories while on Council*):

No one person can do things alone, but as a team we can accomplish anything and as the Council lead on the following projects **WE AS TSESHAHT** were able to accomplish:

- Opened Orange Bridge Cannabis, the first Indigenous Nation owned licensed retail cannabis store in all of BC which has led to job creation for members and the first Nation owned business along the highway in over **30 years!**
- Secured over \$100,000 in grants to create the Tseshaht language department in 2019/2020
- Creation and opening of the Language House in memory of our late language warrior
- Negotiated Huu-ay-aht and Tseshaht Economic Protocol Agreement
- Negotiated a protocol agreement with the Port Alberni Port Authority
- Negotiated a Government-to-Government accord with the City of Port Alberni
- Creation of jobs and revenue through a lease and partnership from value added sawmill on our land at Bell and Hector road
- Secured a lease and revenue from the billboards along the highway
- Gaming revenue plan/wish list exercise for 2019/2020 fiscal year which addressed elders care, longhouse renovations, tearing down of the Somass Hall, policy development, and BGI Trips



FUTURE (**Election Platform**)

1. **Planning**- Ratify our Comprehensive Community Plan, develop a community 4-year strategic plan for Council's term within the first six months of the new term, develop other plans and strategies such as forestry, economic development, fisheries, community safety and report back to community on the progress of those plans on a regular basis.
2. **Governance**- Work with community to finalize our Custom Election Code which determines how we elect Council and Governance Manual which addresses how we govern. We must update, create, and finalize policies to address gaps (finance, housing etc.).
3. **Deliver** – No plan or process will be successful if we do not deliver. I believe through our work together we can deliver to create new relationships with governments, businesses, and make improvement to relationships that have seen recent challenges.
4. **Communication/Accountability/Transparency**- I have reported in the past and will in the future, but we all need to do a better job reporting/communicating to Tseshaht membership and create more of a Tseshaht presence across all our territory.



Phone: 250-720-6100 Email: k_watts@live.ca or reach me on Facebook

**If you would like to see a list of current projects I am working on, please feel free to contact me or check out our August band bulletin/newsletters.*

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Richard Watts – Biography

- 1972-1976 – Social Work Aide; Tseshaht First Nation
- 1976-1978 – Native Courtworker
- 1982-1989 – Councillor for Tseshaht
- 1989-2005 – Southern Co-Chair “NTC”
- 1993-2005 – One of the Chief Negotiators for NTC Treaty Table
- 1987-2020 – President of Tsow-Tun Le Lum Treatment Centre Society

Have been on the Board of Directors for Tseshaht Market for over 10 years.

I was the leader in the 1987 fisheries protest that eventually led to the first “Pilot Sales Agreement” with DFO. The result was Tseshaht were allowed to sell their fish unmolested.

I was also on the original Board of Directors for Haahuupayak School.

I currently sit on the Elder Committee.

Currently on Tseshaht Council.

I have an always will stand up for the rights of Tseshaht. Both now and in the future.

My name is Victoria White, I want to share my gratitude for being nominated to run for Tseshah Council. I will continue to have a vested interest and support the work of our Nation in any way that I am able to do so. I lived in the Tseshah community for 20 years, where I raised my family and I worked for the Nuuchahnulth Tribal Council. I originally come from the David family of Tla-o-qui-aht First Nation, and remain connected to my immediate and extended family. I am married to David White, of Snuneymuxw First Nation, where I live and work. Together we have a large family of 9 children and 7 grandchildren.

I worked in Community and Human Services for over 20 years in various capacities, including Education, Training, Social Development, and Health. In addition, I taught at North Island College in the Human Services Certificate program and gained valuable skills working with community partners. I have also sat on the Education committee, where I learned a lot about the Nation Education policies, as well as processes with the Nuuchahnulth Tribal Council.

I hold a Bachelor of Arts Degree in English, as well as a Master of Education Degree in Curriculum and Instruction. I am currently completing my last year of course work in the Master of Public Health program at the University of Victoria and I plan to pursue my PhD in Social Dimensions of Health in the future.

Community planning and community engagement are important aspects to create safe spaces for us to collaborate and move forward together on community goals, plans, and strategies.

I have come to learn about social determinants of health and the importance of interventions that are needed for our people, that will aid in closing the social and economic gap between us and other British Columbians. This work starts at home with ourselves and our families, and within our community. I believe that quality of life outcomes are directly attributed to a strong foundation in identity, connection to family and community, and to setting and accomplishing goals and aspirations. I have a diverse set of professional and academic skills that I feel would be beneficial to working with and for our people.



Harley A. Wylie – TFN Election Nominee Profile #2 - 2020

My mom Eva Thomas and grandfather Alex Thomas were Tseshaht. Mom moved us to Tseshaht in 1963, shortly before she died. We were raised by my uncle Bob Thomas and aunt Rose Thomas. Tseshaht was heaven compared to living in a racist USA. I was fortunate to become **friends with people like the late Larry ("Bugsy") Gus, Barry Gus, JP Jones** (in AIRS at the time) and others. I have great memories of playing basketball for **Tseshaht against AIRS in the old barn, other sports at "The Backfield"** (Haahuupayak), of being in Port Alberni Boxing Club, chosen to box publicly along with the late Pete Tatoosh, Dixie Watts; many good memories in sports **and our rez'**.

In the **70's** I left for Camosun College, to finish grade 10; then grade 12 and 1st year university. During 1st year I became a single parent, and was chosen to work as a Project Officer at Employment Development Branch (now called HRDC) **so didn't** return to get a degree. **I don't** regret my decision to be a single parent.

For over 40 years I have: 1) worked in government program funding administration; 2) Aboriginal non-profit societies delivering program services; and 3) in governance as a board/council member for different societies. **I've** worked with people of different cultures in social justice initiatives, accredited education curriculum, Asian/First Nation book and video and other Indigenous and inter-cultural initiatives. Good people from other cultures will work with us. My mix of education, experience on/off-reserve, in government/non-profit/private sector, with/for different cultures will benefit representing Tseshaht to deal with City Hall, ACRD, PAPA etc. and local major employers and the general public in this fair (?) city. There are many stakeholders to maneuver our way through. Tseshaht is a major stakeholder and it is time for TFN council to make that clear and act like it. I believe my experience and comfort with this process is an asset – Tseshaht is a major stakeholder and it is time to make that clear and act like it.

When working as TFN administrator it was clear we have staff with ability, experience and important knowledge of our culture and history - and history with local stakeholder issues. They greatly assisted me in important meetings with the City, ACRD etc., and worked well as a TFN team when given the opportunity. Competent staff deserves credit and opportunities to move Tseshaht forward - with a team approach we can do this.

Our community wants and deserves information on activities, finances, opportunities, and regular reports. I have provided reports and as much I was able to in the past. I will continue to do that and more in the future. TFN community members are the shareholders of our businesses, and of our governance activities. Tseshaht community must have more say in community agenda items, more information and input on important opportunities and decisions and more direct support for youth.

In my first government job my supervisor's belief was being a civil servant to mean the public paid the taxes for him to have a job serving them, and that he was to be civil when providing service. And interestingly enough, the word "Samurai" root meaning is "to serve". So, I see my role on council to serve our community, provide information community wants and needs, make sure our community has more input, questions, and give direction on important decisions. That is how it is supposed to be. That is what I offer, experience, fairness, reporting, community getting its voice back and giving direction given to leadership. I will serve Tseshaht and offer good representation with local stakeholders to raise our profile and increase our opportunities.