

My name is Robert (Bobby) Rupert. I come from the Gus family of the Tseshaht 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 Tseshaht 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, adult & 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 Tsoosht Carrel.
Thank you for your time, chu