

My name is Victoria White, I want to share my gratitude for being nominated to run for Tseshaht 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 Tseshaht community for 20 years, where I raised my family and I worked for the Nuu-chah-nulth 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 Nuu-chah-nulth 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 ourself 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.

