

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

- My parents Margaret E. Gus (Maggie) 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 Reginal Gus and Phyllis Gus (baker)

I look forward to the process moving forward as **I accept my nomination** and wish everyone good luck. I was born and raised in Tse-shaht Territory, have been away just over 10 years, but I am now home full time and have been home almost two years in my house. I am a single mom of 4 children, over the years I have worked in Community and Social Services Administration. Over the last 9 Years I have worked within Youth Employment, Child/ Youth and Family Navigation, but currently I am working from home full-time as the Indigenous Employment Outreach Coordinator with WorkBC Nanaimo. My passion for Indigenous advocacy personally and in community has been a part of my life's upbringing and guided me through my professional career choices over the years.

Chuu, Melissa Gus