

# Naa naa sitaks

## Gina Pearson

20/21 Tseshaht Elections

My name is naa naa sitaks, my mumuxnee name is Gina Pearson. I live and breathe Tseshaht 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, chuu

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