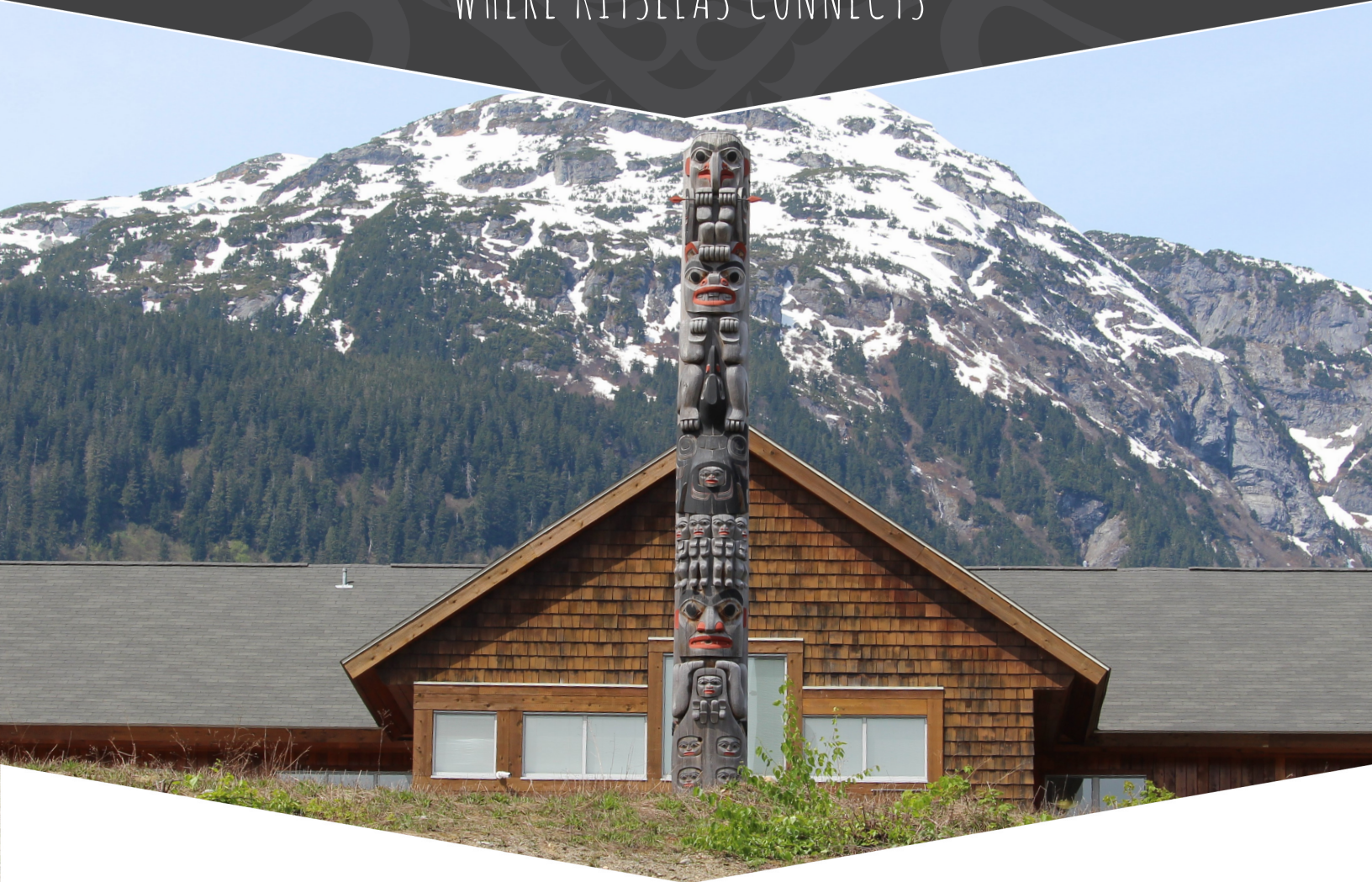


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Kitselas Band Council & Administration

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TREATY INFORMATION SESSION

Treaty Topic : Lands

Wednesday, June 23, 2021

7 PM (PT)

Zoom



KITSELAS
TREATY ENGAGEMENT

Treaty Information Session - Community Meeting - June 23

Join the Treaty Team virtually on Wednesday, June 23, at 7 p.m. as we wrap up the Lands Treaty topic by discussing water and forest resources.

Link to the Zoom meeting:

<https://zoom.us/j/93972328491?pwd=d3R1bFIOekVsWWtJcHVBOExLUVdvZz09>

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TREATY INFORMATION SOURCE

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The Treaty Office is calling all members for who we have a phone number. If you have not heard from the office, you can update your information in one of two ways:

- 1) Call the Treaty Office at 250-635- 5084 ext. 4057 and provide an update over the phone.
- 2) Sign up to access the Kitselas Treaty website Members' Area at kitselastreaty.ca.

The draw will occur during the Treaty Information Session meeting on June 23. The entry deadline is noon on June 23.

BONUS! Earn an additional entry into the draw by signing up for the Members' Area of the Kitselas Treaty website. If you have already signed up for the Members' Area, you already have earned the additional entry into the draw.

K5T'S APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM BUILDS A NEW TRADES TRAINING BUILDING FOR KITSELAS

Kitselas First Nation leads the way in new and innovative approaches to trades training through a community-led model

Construction of the new KCAD shop

Over the past month, Kitselas Five Tier has been busy constructing a new shop for the Kitselas Community Led Apprenticeship Development Program (KCAD) program.

This shop will allow us to run hands-on and classroom training workshops to support Kitselas members in their journey to becoming trades professionals. We will also be opening up the shop to the wider community, when it is not in use by KCAD, in the coming months. K5T will use this space to run two KCAD programs each year, and will be planning additional uses of the space to benefit the community.

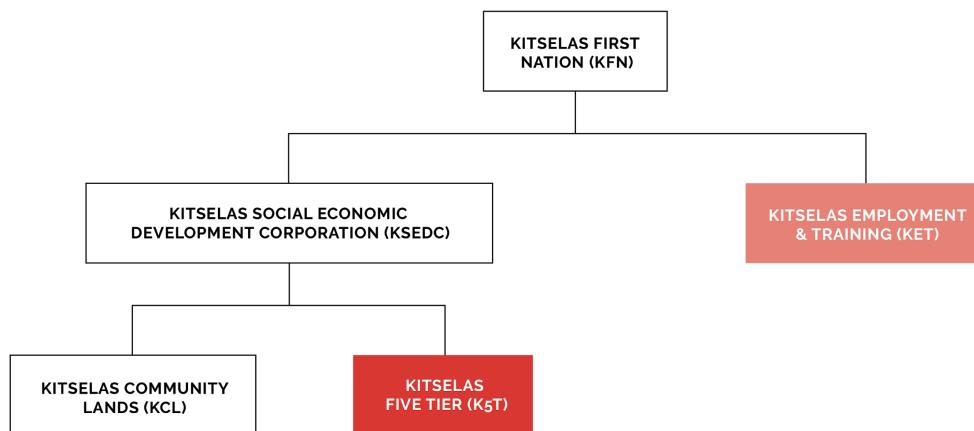
The shop space is being built by Kitselas members, who participated in our KCAD3 program. The shop is being designed to include the addition of cultural elements, such as carving, kitchen space for food prep and for overall expansion in the future. The main floor is approximately 2400 sq ft and includes the shop, 2 bathrooms, mechanical room, tool crib, and kitchen. The upper floor is approximately 700 sq ft and houses the classroom.

How did 4404 Queensway come to be?

The Band Administration graciously allowed our department to take up valuable space in the administration building, despite the Nation's continual growth and need for additional office space. The housing department allowed KET to utilize the Quonset Hut for 2 years in order to run the KCAD program, while KET provided the housing department with storage containers for road maintenance supplies. Thank you Kitselas Administration and Kitselas Housing for your steadfast support.

For the past few years, Kitselas Employment and Training has been searching for a home where we could grow our department, programming, and services to match the overwhelming community demand and needs. KET searched Gitaus and Kulspai for available lands, however, it became clear that no such opportunity existed in the immediate future.

In October 2020, Kitselas First Nation completed our first fee-simple land purchase, on the bank of the Skeena River, at 4404 Queensway Drive, Terrace. Purchased with funds earmarked for employment and training initiatives, this property has become the club house/drop-in space, office, hands-on and classroom training centre, and gathering place for Kitselas Employment and Training (KET) and Kitselas Five Tier (K5T). The most common programs that we run in this space include the five tier system and KCAD.



Since the land was purchased by the Nation, through Kitselas Community Lands (KCL), the property value has almost doubled, proving a strong model for the entire Nation to build equity and wealth. The property is owned by Kitselas First Nation, and it is rented by Kitselas Five Tier LP. (K5T). K5T affords to pay rent by tapping into funding from the provincial government, related to supporting trades and employment education, that was not being tapped into by Kitselas First Nation, previously.

In other words, Kitselas First Nation is able to use this model to build equity in fee-simple land, and make a profit. Through all of this, we are able to provide crucial employment and training services to our community. The addition of the shop space will also increase the property value and thereby the wealth of the Kitselas First Nation. The construction costs are being covered by the rent paid by K5T to KCL, for the use of the space.

Where do the K5T revenues come from?

In September 2020, Chief and Council approved the formation of a new operational arm of employment & training known as **Kitselas Five Tier System LP (K5T)**. Overseen by the Kitselas Socio-Economic Development Corporation (KSEDC), K5T has been created to be KET's operational partner, delivering on programs and services while KET continues to work on high level planning and strategy with Kitselas Administration.

The revenues for K5T are motivated by the Five Tier System: a Kitselas-owned, community-led approach to employment & training. The Five Tier System is attracting partnerships and funding that make it possible for this model to grow and grow sustainably. Revenues have increased to \$3 million per year, and there is no sign of slowing down!

At the current time, our main funding source is the provincial government. KET and K5T have been working tirelessly to explain the benefits of our five tier approach to multiple government agencies. These agencies are listening, and beginning to increase their support for the Kitselas First Nation by opening up new funding sources for our programming that were not previously available to Kitselas.

Through this support, K5T is able to run five tier programs, including KCAD, pay rent on the Queensway property back to the Kitselas First Nation, and develop other programs such as food sovereignty initiatives, and supporting Kitselas entrepreneurs to develop their business ideas.

A shout out to those who have played a role in the construction of our new community shop, Kanyon PSS for supervising construction and carrying the costs, Erica Louis and KDC for liaising with the Regional District and supporting planning, Ulyses and the Housing team for designing upgrades to our waste water systems and the Industry Training Authority and Ministry of Advanced Education and Skills Training for believing in and funding community-led programs.



On

the right you can see the completion of excavation, compaction and the beginnings of the footings. The shop is scheduled to be completed in August of 2021.

For more information about KET, please reach out to our team:

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Employment Seekers and Day Labour Program	Bill Bolton and Jorden Squires	jobs@kitselastraining.com
General Inquiries	All Staff	info@kitselastraining.com

Community Gardens

The past few weeks have been busy at the community gardens, the clubhouse gardens and the Kulspai gardens. The garden team of Tylee, Ansgar and Patsy have been busy planning, weeding, cleaning, organizing, spreading soil, growing plants and buying plants. We have planted the majority of the Gitaus greenhouse with tomatoes and peppers that were started from seed. We've planted a few different types of tomatoes this year: Beef Steak (big tomatoes), Sub Arctic Plenty (slicing tomatoes), and a few different kinds of cherry tomatoes. We have also grown and planted three different kinds of peppers: Jalapeno, Serrano and Arbol. 20 extra plants were offered to community.

Onions (yellow, approximately 300) and Yukon Gold potatoes (150 pounds worth) were planted in the large outer vegetable field in the Gitaus garden space. In the inner vegetable field, Kale, Cauliflower, Cabbage, and Brussel sprouts were transplanted. New herbs added to the herb gardens. Peas and Radish seeds planted. We will be planting beets and carrots this week. A limited amount of potato seed is available, let me know if you'd like some for your home garden.

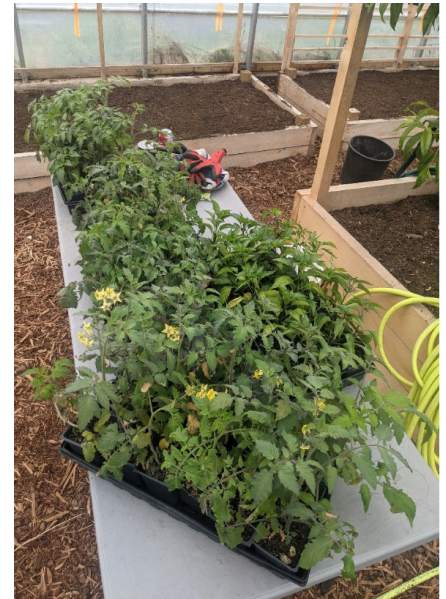
We assisted Tiffany and the youth group with learning how to and planting about 40 pounds of potatoes. They will come back in July to harvest them and use them for their culture camp feast.

We are excited to add to the Gitaus garden a new flower bed! It runs the length of the front of the garden fence. It will be planted primarily with perennial flowers (plants that come back year after year), but annuals will also be added. It should be a nice, bright and colourful addition to the space and to anyone driving by.

This year's list of new garden boxes/beds have been completed. Next up,

is replacing the garden boxes at the Kulspai Health Unit building, since the wood for the boxes is disintegrating! A gazebo will also be built on site that will offer a nice spot to sit and relax.

If anyone has gardening questions or needs help preparing or planting your garden, please contact me! Patsy Drummond 250-922-5423, greenhouse@kitselas.com or at the Kitselas Growing Food and Wellness Facebook Page



MAY 21, 2021



KITSELAS CONNECTS

Is put together by the Kitselas Communications Department.

Please email communications@kitselas.com with any info - events, news, fundraisers, photos, etc. - that you would like to share with the community.

Deadline for submissions is Tuesday.

Call 250-635-5084 Ext. 4071 with any questions

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Kitselas Candidate's

Hello Kitselas members,

A notice was provided on the Kitselas Facebook Administration page Friday May 28, 2021, for the nominees to submit a one page of their platform.

These will also be included in the Kitselas Connects June 4, 2021, which is also provide on our website <https://kitselas.com/newsletters/>

If you have any questions in regards to the election, please contact the Electoral Officer Drew Shaw.

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Ama Sah! My traditional name is Gwin Naxnuutkw and my English name is H. Lloyd McDames Sr. and I am seeking re-election as Band Councillor on June 10, 2021.

My Platform: CommUNITY

- 1) Support Elders, Youth and Young families in: health, education, and recreational opportunities. There was a commitment made to have a Gathering Wisdom 2 that I agree should begin planning for.
Funding submission has been made to have a study done on a New Community Hall in Gitaus.
- 2) Improve the communication between council and membership. Perhaps ZOOM is the replacement for community in person meetings until Covid-19 subsides and as a means to include many members who live elsewhere.
- 3) Sm'algyax Language and cultural programs implemented, supported and delivered as per your wishes in the community planning exercises.
- 4) Demand the optimum best from our treaty Team and insure that all information is provided in plain easy to understand language. Your voice is needed in the development of a constitution whether it is via a Treaty, or Self-government.

In terms of education, I have a Bachelor's and Master's Degree in Social work and have sat on numerous boards and committees in my time.

It is unfortunate that each election creates division amongst our people. Secret groups to a selected few people are created and it makes one think, is this how we want to be governed and lead? In secret and with a select few pointing fingers and blame and create division rather than uniting Kitselas?

When I think of the Kitselas way, I think of the KYPA and Kitselas Sisterhood who worked hard for the betterment of kitselas through unity; not division.

We all need to work together to bring Unity back into our CommUnity!

I have seen much work done in our commUNITY but I feel together, we can do better.

As your elected council representative I will continue to have your concerns addressed and have the voice of Kitselas at each level of government and industry as appropriate for the benefit of Kitselas.

On June 10, 2021 Re-elect: H. Lloyd McDames Sr. as your Kitselas Band Councillor Representative.

Joan Mason

I am the daughter of the late Winnie Wells (Mason) and step father David Wells. My maternal grandparents were the late Paul Mason Sr and the late Joan Mason (Adams) from Wilps Mi-nee'eskw. I'm the wife of Gerald Nyce, we have 3 beautiful children.

At an early age, my mom always encouraged me to be involved in the community of Kitselas, where I have spent most of my life. For a majority of my adult life, I was always assisting different departments within the Kitselas. I've also had jobs outside of Kitselas, working as a receptionist at a tax and bookkeeping place, where I learned a lot about bookkeeping and as an administrative assistant at UNBC Terrace Campus. The various jobs I've had with Kitselas are - student summer jobs, tour guide for the summer, receptionist for the administration, assistant at the Headstart for 5 years, clerk in the housing department, receptionist then community engagement coordinator for the Treaty Department for 5 years, Language Coordinator and have recently returned to the Treaty Department.

My years in the treaty department instilled a sense of Kitselas pride in learning about our history, and I also learned a lot about governance. As language coordinator I helped plan the Kitselas culture camp, fish camp with the with the advice of the Language Advisory I formed with some Kitselas elders.

I have many years of experience assisting and working on the front lines, I believe I'm ready for my voice to be heard at the council table.

Vision

Working together for the benefit of the whole Kitselas community

Encouraging capacity building for our community members

Transparency and communication from all Kitselas departments

Consulting the community for input on major decisions





Hello, my name is Pat (Patti) Squires. I am from Kitselas (Bevan family). I can trace our family roots way back when to Endedoon.

- I am educated – University degree
- I am smart
- I am not afraid to speak up and ask a lot of questions
- I have a good sense of humor.
- I am knowledgeable in our history, our culture; our traditions; our lands and resources and our people
- I also know and understand our Aboriginal Rights.

Kitselas has many moving parts working for you. Administration, health, lands and resources, employment and training, Kitselas Forest Products; Kitselas Development

Corporation and all the partners.

As you notice on the organizational chart of Kitselas, members are at the very top, then Chief and Council, then Directors, etc down to staff in different departments.

What I would like to do as elected council is to give the mandate back to the people. **WHAT DO YOU WANT CHIEF AND COUNCIL TO DO FOR YOU?**

I will ensure there will be quarterly community meetings so you can keep up to date on what going on; what's working and what needs improvement or change.

We have to start thinking long term.... We have to start diversifying our economic development. We cannot continue to rely on major projects in the area. Once LNG is in operations (3 – 4 yrs), from now; 80% of those jobs are going to disappear. We have to start thinking of economic development for our future. Our children coming up behind us should enjoy the benefits we currently enjoy today.... Careers, education, housing, a good quality life.

Whatever long term decisions made today are going to affect our younger population, we must always keep that in mind.

On June 10th, 2021 I ask for your support, to be your voice, to speak up for you; to ask those tough questions and to listen to what you want.

JUNE 10TH, 2021 VOTE FOR PATRICIA SQUIRES

Ken McDames JR
Councilor Position
Kitselas Nation

Hello Kitselas Nation,

I would like to thank you for the nomination as Councilor. I have been with the Kitselas Administration for the past 15 years. My expertise is Resource Management and Emergency Response. I am the son of Ken and Hedy McDames, born and raised in Terrace B.C.

I started as a Summer Student back in 1996, seasonal Field Technician in the year 2000, and full Time Field Tech in 2006. I was Acting Director for the Lands and Resources Dept for 9 months back in 2013, and again for 3 months in 2017. I was also full time Manager of the Lands & Resources Department from 2016-2019, I recently started my full time position as the Emergency Response Manager in December 2019.



In Feb/Mar of 2020 a worldwide pandemic hit called COVID-19. As Emergency Response Manager, we started an Emergency Operations Centre (EOC) for the on-reserve community of Kitselas. Various document plans and services were made by the EOC team and Chief and Council. As a full time frontline worker along with the Health Department, it was a real eye opener on communication, help, and assisting our community members.

My focus points are Fish, Wildlife, Vegetation, the Environment (Air, Land & Water), Culture, Youth, Elders, and Community.

Kitselas is a strong sufficient nation, I would like to portray that through:

- Sustaining our traditional harvesting grounds for fishing, hunting, harvesting of plants and medicine.
- Protection of our water, and lands from spills, flood, and wildfire
- Focus on Culture, language, art, traditional law
- Youth- Traditional land, Traditional ways Feasting systems, Dance, Art, Language, Sports and Recreation.
- Elders- learn from, and take care of our elderly
- Community- communication, work with the people, learn from each other, and Work together

If elected I endeavor to work with and for the community and continue the relationships within the Administration and its partners. While maintaining full transparency and accountability.

Thank You

Hello Everyone

My name is Gerald Nyce, I have been nominated for the position of councillor.

I have lived in Gitaus for the last 18 years with my partner Joan Mason, and were raising two beautiful children here.

I have many years of experience in natural resource management, from working in Fisheries and Forestry to working in Parks and Protected areas, this allowed me to gain experience not only in land management but compliance and enforcement; this work experience also led

me to meet and network with some great liked minded individuals who have helped and mentored me to become a professional at what I do.

After many years doing field work and being away from my family I decided that working closer to home was a priority, and took the job of Kitselas Youth Coordinator, what a journey it has been so far, I not only work with the youth but their families and the elders in the community, it has been a great to see our youth grow into responsible young adults.

I have plans and goals for the youth and the community, the hard work never ends in a fast-growing community and it's been my pleasure to serve you and your families. We have done so much already with our basketball program and cultural activities, all of it could not have been done without the help and support of the community, it has been a great success and I can see us doing so much more in years to come.

I think it's great to see so much interest in these roles to represent community and I would like to acknowledge the other candidates for putting your name forward be a part of Kitselas future so we could make history! There are plans already in motion and being drafted, such as the land use plan and the community comprehensive plan that will help guide us, Kitselas has so much potential and I can't wait to see what the future holds.



My name is Gerry Seymour, son of Ray and Phyllis Seymour. Gail and I recently celebrated our 32nd wedding anniversary. I have been employed with Coast Mountain School district for 25 ½ years.



I was initially elected to Kitselas Band Council in 2005, and sat on the council, representing the people and nation of Kitselas for 14 yrs., seven consecutive terms.

If elected to represent the citizens of Kitselas, I will strive to serve the needs of the communities, provide direction for the departments and ensure the Government is meeting the needs of Kitselas citizens and fulfilling all tasks.

One of my primary goals as councillor is to strengthen our community, by ensuring quality programming and services are

Created and maintained. I will stay in tune with the community and citizens. This will help me to make good decisions. I will contribute to creating and maintaining that chief and council be fair, open and accountable. I will listen to all points of view at the council table, consider the many things about the situation then make decisions that are in the best interest of Kitselas Band Council and Kitselas First Nation citizens. I will ensure government structures and processing, which is designed to keep things fair, open and accountable will be followed.

To all the candidates letting their name stand, please know that your life changes for the next two years, you are there for the people of Kitselas, and being on council takes you away from family and friends sometimes at the most inopportune times, but this is what we are signing up for. Good Luck to you all in the election.

If I am elected I will do this for the people of Kitselas. To the people of Kitselas, wishing you and your families wellness and health.

Thank you,

Gerry Seymour

My name is Jericho Bevan and I have been nominated for the Councillor position in the June 10th, 2021 Kitselas election. I am the daughter of Andy Bevan and granddaughter of Beatrice Vermiere (Bevan). I have lived and grown up on the Kulspai reserve my entire childhood and have recently moved my family back in 2016 after time away working as an educator.

I have been an educator for 15 years and am currently working on my master's certificate in Online Teaching and Learning through Thompson River University. I started my career in First Nations education, first working in elementary education for 2 years, then I moved on to K/1 for 7 years, and am now currently in adult education as the Adult school teacher at Wabsuwilaks'm Gitselasu in Gitaus, a position I have held for 5 years. I have also taken on the role of Education Coordinator for the K-12 students and have been working with CMSD



82. I am on the Board of the First Nations School Association representing the Tsimshian, Haida, Haisla, and Nisga'a. I am also on the Kitselas Band Events Committee and am looking forward to our up-and-coming events we can now plan as more restrictions are lifted.

As a councillor I will promote transparency, accessibility, and accountability. As a community we ask questions that have not been answered in a timely manner, something that I have seen causes great frustration and a divide amongst our members. Regular communication and updates from departments is needed. I will advocate for our youth, for our elders, for our parents, for our single men, and for our staff alike. I am willing to learn what actually goes in to being on Kitselas Band Council. I want to see our community back out on the land, spending time at Endedoon, our people out on the Skeena monitoring our fish stocks. Our community smoke houses being used, our children learning how to preserve and smoke salmon. I would like to see more signage that indicates where our land is in and around the Terrace area. We need people to know we are still here!

I am not running against anyone, more so am running with everyone. No matter whom gets in to the Chief and Councillor positions, we will be working together and have to from the start in order for us to move forward successfully for our people and our growing communities.

I'll keep this short. This coming June 10th, I ask for your vote.

Sasheen Wesley For Kitselas Council



"I believe we are meant to experience life, learn and grow from it. Taking the positive from any situation and using it as knowledge to teach to our future generation, this is vital for our survival." SW

I am willing to learn this new experience to help inspire our Indigenous community.

"We need to be open to Lateral Kindness vs Lateral Violence, I speak for what I believe in and can be a voice to help make the positive change."

My Name is Sasheen Wesley, I come from the house of Tax'ayee. My mother is the late Annalee Auckland, my grandmother is Anne Mcdames and my great grandmother is Phyllis Mcdames (Mcniel).

My grandfather the late Alfred Mcdames Sr inspired me to follow my dreams and to use my experience to be a guide to our community.

I have been a quiet volunteer in the Kitselas community for many years, from the soup kitchen, helping our youth, serving food and creating memorabilia for grieving community members, creating transportation communication boards, women's wellness groups and community security watch.

I have also helped provide fish for our elders over the years and offered cleaning services to those in need when our community was hit with Covid19.

I have been as far as Manchester UK to hold up our Kitselas First Nations flag loud and proud with Team Indigenous Roller Derby for the World Cup 2018 and again in Las Vegas, NV. Representing Kitselas First Nations as part of an international Indigenous roller derby team making history, my killer whale skates were in the New York Times and I grew my voice from there.

I can take any experience and learn from it weather it is positive or negative, I believe there is a learning experience in every situation. I am observant and I love to learn, if I do not know, I will find a way and make time to learn.

I thrive to pass on my knowledge and experience in hopes to inspire our youth and future generations because I believe you can achieve anything you put your mind to. I believe in setting goals and challenging yourself rather than challenging others because the goal should be to be better than you were yesterday.

I am grateful for all experiences in my life, and I do not take life for granted. Life is too precious and short and we never know, so living life with gratitude even when things do not go our way, everything that is meant to be will be, the only thing I know is to **Never give up.**

Thank you Kitselas for this opportunity to learn, grow and guide our community.

Platform for Kitselas Band Council:

I am proud to be running for Kitselas Band Council in the election being held on June 10, 2021. I encourage all eligible voters of Kitselas Nation to vote in the upcoming election. Your vote can and will make a difference.

My biography, campaign platform and other important information is available for viewing online at our campaign website at the following link: www.thekitseaway.ca

I fully support the platform we have developed and believe this is the minimum that a respectful Chief and Council should strive for. The next Kitselas Band Council needs to become an open, transparent and accountable body, which has the responsibility of managing the resources of our people, while bringing benefit to all members. This platform must be the focus of the incoming Chief and Council as doing so will provide the people of Kitselas the confidence that the new Council is listening to their needs and concerns and that the Council is truly looking out for the best interests of all Kitselas members.

I also want to repeat that my motivation in running for Kitselas Band Council is to be the voice for all the Kitselas people, both on-reserve and off-reserve. I pledge to be your voice regardless of whether you voted for me or not.

I know the challenges faced by my people having been raised by Kitselas, growing up in Gitaus through my formative years, and maintaining a home in Gitaus now for seven years with my children. I can also bring a fresh outside perspective to the Council table, and I pledge to work closely with the elected Chief and Council to benefit the Kitselas people.

I will be a loud voice on Council for increased transparency and accountability. I believe that Council meetings need to be open to any who want to attend, and I will push to have all Council meetings broadcast via a secure online link.

Most of all I will be honest and trustworthy and unafraid to call out anyone who does not follow the laws of Kitselas that were properly passed in consultation with our people.

To those of you who have claimed that an off-reserve Kitselas member should not be considered for Council I respectfully disagree. To those of you spreading fear that I will add excess travel costs if elected, please be advised that I have the financial resources to come and go to and from Gitaus at my own expense, which I will be doing for my work, and this can be easily coordinated with my Council activities.

Love to all
Tasha



Candidate – Kitselas Council Member – 2021 Election



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*To the members of the Kitselas
Nation – I allowed my name to
stand for a Kitselas Council
member as I believe we need
councillors with business experi-
ence to assist in our decision
making for our Nation.*

*My families roots within Kitselas
go back to Agnes and Albert
Young and my late mother
Vicky.*

*I have three grown sons and
three grandchildren – we are all registered members.*

*I come with 23 years Business Management experience in finance, hu-
man resource and office management. I would love the opportunity to
share my experience at the Council level!*

VOTE FOR EXPERIENCE!!! VOTE FOR BONITA YOUNG-MERCER !!

Candidate – Kitselas Council Member – 2021 Election

- My name is Dawn Derrick (Wale) - my mother was the late Vicky Young/ Grandmother—Late Agnes Young
- Hello again fellow Kitselas friend and neighbors—another election is upon us—
- Your vote is important
- Your vote voices your opinion of change or it could voice your opinion of staying the course. Even a non vote is stating our opinion however, like I tell Greg and Amadeus you can't complain about the government if you didn't vote.
- I would like to be a voice for all Kitselas members and I would like to work towards positive change and growth for our community. Change is after all the ever constant consistent thing we as people can and should always expect.
- Given the opportunity I will work hard at being sure that we have a clear and strong voice for our communities. I would like to bring back the option of being seen and heard as a counselor and community member.
- Empowering everyone's voice to be heard would be of the utmost importance to me as would our children's future. Ensuring that everyone gets a fair change at gainful opportunities would also be of the utmost importance to me
- Vote for positive change and a voice for our future!



I ask for you Vote X this election—Vote: Dawn Derrick

Roxanne Ridler, candidate for Kitselas Council

In the past two years, I have remained in contact with several Kitselas members and have heard their concerns. I have seen that the voice of the Kitselas people has not been considered, and I am running to correct this. Council exists to work for the people of Kitselas, and all have the right to express their concerns and opinions without fear of retribution.

We are a better nation when we all work for the benefit of our nation. When Covid-19 food assistance was not available to off-reserve elders, I contacted other service providers and helped our off-reserve members find these supports, locally and beyond. I believe there is an opportunity to partner with other service providers to ensure all of our members receive the support they need.

In the past few months, I have been guiding the Finance and Audit Committee learn about the Kitselas Financial Administration law, and the processes to make sound financial recommendations. These are small things that I have assisted with to make a better tomorrow for our members.

I served as a Council member from 2015 to 2019, and saw great financial success for Kitselas during that time. Own Source Revenue grew, and needed a policy from the people directing how these funds are to be used. This is important work that needs to continue. This means consultation and engagement with all Kitselas members.

I have been fortunate to have the opportunity to complete my educational goals. I have a Master of Business Degree, and a Bachelor of Arts Degree. This combined with over twenty years of public service, including working with industry, other First Nations, governments, and NGOs, has given me the skills, knowledge, and experience to serve the people of Kitselas.

Let's work together to make Kitselas a success once again! Let's make sure that the programs and services delivered are to the best quality for our people! Let's help our Economic Development Corporation become self-sufficient! Let's support those in our nation that most need it!



Joe Bevan for Chief Councillor of Kitselas First Nation

Leadership & Experience

Leadership - Six years as Councillor and six years as Chief Councillor. As a hands-on Chief I worked with neighbouring municipalities, First Nations, proponents and governments with respect to economic development opportunities and negotiated many agreements for the benefit of Kitselas.

Governance Approach – I took a policy approach to running administrative programs and services to ensure fairness and equality for all Kitselas members.

Experience – 25 years experience in finance, accounting, policy and economic development and understand the systems required to run a successful organization.

Goals

Health of the Community – Assist those on a fixed income to ease the financial burden by investing our own source revenue into homes, programs and services. Help those that need proper health care, and during their time of need. Taking care of the basic needs of Kitselas families will create opportunities for self-sufficiency.

Member Equality – Kitselas members are all equal and will share in the resources and benefits. Whether you live off the reserve or on the reserve, you are a member.

Investing in the Future – Create a community-developed trust fund to help community projects, scholarships, language and culture for now and into the future.

Our people need a capable leader that can maneuver our Nation through these challenging times. As your elected Chief I promise to put members and community first while being accountable and transparent.





Vote Lynn for Chief and/or Council

I'm Wii Kxasw Jasa Wilin, which means "wise one who thinks ahead". I was born and raised in Kitselas. My dad was the late Elmer Wright Sr., my Grandpa was the late George Wright, my great grandfather was the late Simoghet Neas-D'Hok, Walter Wright. When I was younger, my late Uncle, Ralph Wright, mentored me and taught me about Kitselas. Since I was 17 years old, I've advocated for our people. I love when we gather for our community events. I love how we stand beside one another in times of need.

I've gone to school; received training certificates; volunteered for community functions, personal fundraisers, and Youth Initiatives. I answer each message, text, email, or phone calls, in a timely manner. I'm a boots on the ground' kind of person - when something needs to get done, it gets done. I help push forward on a number of initiatives. I'm reliable, resourceful, and sometimes funny.

As Elected Chief, I will ensure we:

- ✓ Communicate and listen to the members. We need to ensure the people stay updated and have input in the work of Kitselas.
- ✓ Work with the membership on an Investments Policy, aka OSR policy.
- ✓ Finish the Elections Code, we can tailor it as a community led initiative.
- ✓ Implement the Kitselas Council Strategic Framework.
- ✓ As suggested from members, I would like to see Kitselas signage throughout our traditional territory, to honor the land that we have worked so hard for.
- ✓ Infuse more opportunities of culture and language in our community - off and on reserve - teach more about our history, our family lines, our cultural protocols, respect, our harvesting practices.
- ✓ Continue advocating and working towards the building of a new Cultural Centre.
- ✓ Continue working with the Finance and Audit Committee to ensure we are on track with the Financial Administration Law.
- ✓ Continue working with Northern First Nations Alliance to successfully open a Health & Wellness Centre / Detox Center.

Thank you all for your consideration to elect me to become Chief or Council of Kitselas. On behalf of my family, Daniel and myself with our children want to extend our well wishes to our Nation in these difficult times.



Victor Wright's Council Platform

My traditional name is Segim LuDuDex, which means "They all fell at once". I was born and raised in Kitselas. When I was younger, my Uncle Ralph was Chief Councillor, he brought me to some of his meetings. I learned about our history and about our land.

I want to see more culture and traditions to come back. When I was growing up in Kulspai, we used to gather all the time and be there for one another.

Let's bring our people back to work in Kitselas, let's train our people up and help them succeed.

I want to see us monitor our own lands, our fishing spots. We can work getting a guardian program for our members to take.

We need a Chief and Council to be present, in the community, so members can knock on the door and share concerns and visit with one another, like we used to.

My words come from my heart. I want to wish good luck to Chief and Council candidates. Be kind to one another, respect one another.

Dim gyap niin...

Geneva Mason is the daughter of Robert Erickson Anne Wright-Moore and step daughter to Harry Moore Jr. I am the grand daughter to my Ye'eh (Grandpa) Elmer Wright Sr. Gigi (Grandmother) Pat Wright and Ye'eh Willie Derrick. I follow my matrilineal side (Gigi Pat) Gitxsan Ganada (Frog) Clan- Nisto'o of the Nikate'en Wilps (house) I was born in Terrace and raised in Kitselas Community; therefore, I come from the Wright Family of Walter Wright's descendants. My paternal side is Carrier -the Sunburnt Swedes- Erickson family from -Nak'azdli Band in Fort St James. I am married to Vincent Mason we have a beautiful blended family our children are Aaliyah Marty Devrain and we acknowledge our niece Keisha-lee Erickson to be a big part of our family. It was my families' honour that we all graduate from High School to fulfill my



parent's vision especially our dad. Before working I faced hardships& utilized social assistance temporarily then went to college to up grade as I was young Native mom at 21 wanting to do my best going to school my husband has always been supporting my dreams in life . I worked in various sections of the Kitselas Band within the last 10 years: Kitselas Youth Centre , Treaty, KLRD, Assisted Tax Admin duties, Communications, Emergency Response Coordinator, I'm familiar with our Kitselas Laws & Policies that are in place; I was first introduced to the Kitselas Reserve Lands Management Act when Sonja Foss was the Lands manager her and the late Morris Mason taught me about our Kitselas Reserve Lands On land tours & on the river. I learned how we were granted authority to manage our own Lands & Resources through our Land code. I studied *Resource Management in the University of Saskatchewan * *PAL*CORE*Swift water rescue* Emergency boat operating. Management changed and Erica Louie became the Lands Officer with succession planning I trained through the Lands Advisory Board-Resource Centre that was specially related to Land Governance, Land use planning & our Land Code. We also worked with Warner Bandstra Brown Law Firm to complete Wills & Estates and make traction on Endadon Lot Holders. As a team effort with the Kitselas People, Staff, and Meraki Planning we completed the 2019 Land Use Plan. My current role is within the Kitselas Administration as Community Engagement Coordinator. I've worked with NW Regional Managers in the past Maurie Hurst and Crissy Bennett to understand what a PRE-OC centre is and how it's used in Emergency Situations throughout BC I participated on Coordination calls when the Wildfires increased and communicated our Emergency Plan at the time. My success through EMBC jointly through JIBC: *Emergency Operation Centre Essentials*Community Evacuation*Seasonal Readiness Workshops*First Nations Partnership tables. Success's through Emergency Support Service's: I received my ESS volunteer card by working closely with ESS Directors Naomi & Michelle I also participated twice in the Northern Emergency Support Service weekend with ESS Volunteers from all over of BC * Referral and reference forms * Intro Reception Centres and basics ESS- 72 hour assistance, Recently, Foundations of Leadership for Admin & Band Council – Part 1 & Part , I've participated in Kitselas workshops that were hosted by FMB on financial training and understanding our financial statements and annual reporting. I've sat on before or sit on current committees as requested: RDKS Advisory Planning Committee, Kalum L&R Plan (LRMP) Implementation committee, Kitselas Lands Committee, CWWG, & 2 meetings with Northern First Nations Alliance. My priorities: Comprehensive Community Plan-Implement the CCP by aligning it with Dept. Plans/Budgets. Utilize Council Strategic Framework- as the guide for KBC by fulfilling the planned direction and strategic priorities for the future as it aligns with our Draft CCP, Kitselas Constitution, Communication -Kitselas has to improve their communication internally and externally to help with operations and working and engaging with community Highlighting our need to use our Kitselas Website and maximizing our essential need for a central database system. Infrastructure to Support new infrastructure that enhances our quality of life and Upgrade, regularly maintain existing Infrastructure to enhance our quality of life and safety. Promote Education on Kitselas Infrastructure. Continue to engage and promote the work that KDC-Erica Louie is conducting with The Kitselas Way Masterplan (fee simple lands) and I will continue to learn and participate neutrally in Kitselas Treaty process. We all need to benefit equally in all that we do and reflect our culture by acknowledging the past, strive for the present and act for future successions and maintain our Rights and Title in the Kitselas Territory for a Legacy.



I am Judy Gerow - my traditional name is Nos Liitsk. I belong to the house of Niistaaxok and I have been honoured to serve Kitselas as Chief for the past 4 years: the first two as Deputy and Acting Chief, and then being elected Chief by the great people of Kitselas in 2019.

I am so proud of our land that we've protected, our relationships that we've grown, and our compassionate way of life that we've continued to follow every day.

Over this term, our team has helped our Nation achieve a number of milestones:

- Recently hired a talented CAO Laurie Mercer

- Undertook Comprehensive Community Planning, including our elders and youth

- Continued to grow our economic opportunities for both today and the future

- Increased our employment and training capacity, creating 40+ new jobs

- Secured major land transfers from the government, increasing our sovereignty and championing our rights and title

- Protected our precious land, air, water, and fish

- Built infrastructure that helps people every day, such as smokehouses, community gardens, wheelchair ramps, garden boxes, wood sheds, and gathering areas

It has been an honor and privilege to serve each and every one of you. I was born into a family that understands the importance of community and respect. I have spent my life learning and living the traditions and customs that shape our Kitselas way of life. Being a Chief is not about the title or glory. It's about placing the interests of the community first and to selflessly give service without trying to benefit oneself at every turn. My parents and ancestors before them understood the meaning of this and in their gentle ways participated in our community. They were consistent, reliable, stable, kind and respectful in their intervention with others. It is my hope that you see these same personal qualities within me, as I am committed to the best interests of our Nation in my deepest heart. I was taught the values that are important to our people and thank my parents, my aunts, and my uncles for this. I also thank those that have served in elected leadership capacities on council, as well as our amazing administration and staff.

As a Nation, we need a Chief that leads in ways that not only empowers our community as a whole, but that shares a passion for the individual success of each of you as well.

I have been stable, honest, and respectful in my approach to this office. I believe that my 30 years of leadership experience and clear vision will continue improving everyday life for members and creating the future that we all want for Kitselas.

I am here to stay in Kitselas. This is my home and I am so proud to live in our community. Thank you for trusting me this far and I hope to earn your support again for Chief in the election on June 10th.