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*Where Kitselas Connects*



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SAVE THE DATE FOR  
**Our Next Meeting**

Day of Week,  
May 13, 2025



# **Kitselas First Nations Council** **Elections 2025**

May 2025

## KITSELAS FIRST NATION COUNCIL ELECTIONS 2025

### NOTICE OF CANDIDATES

#### COUNCILLOR

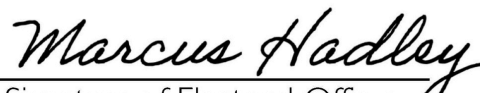
Candidate		Candidate	
<b>Auckland</b>	Titus	<b>Parker</b>	Dustin
<b>Bennett-Nabess</b>	Cyril	<b>Ridler</b>	Roxanne
<b>Campbell</b>	Cheryl	<b>Seymour</b>	Brian
<b>Collison (Bevan)</b>	Jericho	<b>Seymour</b>	James
<b>Derrick (Wale)</b>	Dawn	<b>Spencer</b>	Marcia
<b>Mcdames</b>	(lloyd) Harold Sr.	<b>Squires</b>	Jorden
<b>Mcdames</b>	Anne	<b>Wright</b>	Anne
<b>Mcdames</b>	Kenneth Jr	<b>Wright</b>	Freda
<b>Mcdames (Clayton)</b>	Susan	<b>Wright</b>	Victor
<b>Nyce</b>	Gerald	<b>Wright</b>	Lynn
<b>Parker</b>	Daniel Jr.	<b>Wright-Seymour</b>	Brieanna

#### CHIEF

Candidate	
<b>Bennett</b>	Glenn
<b>Bevan</b>	Joseph
<b>Gerow</b>	Ian
<b>Ridler</b>	Roxanne
<b>West-Johnson</b>	Tyler
<b>Wright</b>	Freda

Given under my hand at Victoria, this 8<sup>th</sup> day of May 2025.

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 Signature of Electoral Officer



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**Gitselasu (Kitselas)**  
*“People of the Canyon”*

**Correction: April 10, 2025. Kitselas Nation—Treaty Ratification Press Release**

It was announced today that the members of the Kitselas First Nation voted in favor of, and have ratified, a formal Treaty with the Government of Canada, and the Government of British Columbia.

The draft Treaty was initialled with both levels of Government on June 24, 2024, after thirty-two (32) years in the making, spanning decades of negotiation and research. During the remainder of 2024, the Chief and Council of Kitselas and its Treaty team shared, explained, and consulted with their membership on the benefits of the proposed Treaty.

The Kitselas First Nation membership ratified the Treaty by **(96.5%)** of eligible voters.

The Treaty includes terms such as the recognition of the Nations traditional territory, transfer of land back to the Nation, including resources such as forestry, mining rights, fisheries, and the right to legally manage and oversee these resources through a redefined governance structure that eliminates direct control by both the Federal and Provincial governments. It also provides for a cash settlement.

Previously, the Nation's authority was recognized only through the Indian Act, as well as numerous regulatory authorities of the Province of British Columbia, a sore spot for the Kitselas people. Glenn Bennett, the elected Chief Councillor for the Nation said, *“This is a historic day in the history of our people. The years of work, dedication, effort, worry and wonder have now ended. We can rejoice in our independent status. We are no longer slave to rules and repression of the archaic and regressive Indian Act that has no place in a free and modern society. The relationship with both these levels of government was always stressed and tense. Today, we are free to, not only govern ourselves. but equally as important, we can grow our own private sector business and become an equal and contributing partner in the economy. We are very much looking forward to giving this crucial element prioritized attention.”*

*The effective date for the Treaty is anticipated for 2028.*

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- **2025/2026 Budget & Work Plans &**
- **Kitselas & Ksi Lisims IMBA Signing**

May 2025



## **2025/2026 Budget & Work Plans & Kitselas & Ksi Lisims IMBA Signing**

Wednesday, May 21, 2025

Place: Kitselas Community Hall

Doors Open: 4:30 pm

Dinner: 5:00 pm

Door Prizes - TBD



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## Reminder

### Housing and Public Works



#### DO NOT OVERLOAD THE BINS!!

They must be able to close properly. A new bin will be provided when necessary.

**\*PLEASE NOTE: YOU NEED TO HAUL YOUR OWN GARBAGE TO THE BINS AND NOT JUST PLACE THEM BESIDE THE BIN.**

This applies to the Large garbage bins placed

- Kulspai Community Hall
- Gitaus (Outside Quonset hut)

Date: until Friday May 23rd, 2025

No Materials of the following: Anything that may contain asbestos.

- Construction Materials
- Building Materials
- Dry Wall

#### CONTACT HOUSING & PUBLIC WORKS

- OLD VEHICLE REMOVALS



## Administration Office Closure



#### DATE

May 16, 2025 (early)

May 19, 2025 (closed)

#### TIME

1:00p.m. - 4:00p.m.

Our Administration Offices will close early on Friday. Closed all day Monday for Victoria Day.



### Gitselasu (Kitselas)

*"People of the Canyon"*

#### Kitselas Grows Forestry Operations with New Tenure Purchase

Exciting news for our Nation's future in forestry!

Kitselas First Nation has acquired a new forest tenure from A&A Trading Ltd., expanding our stewardship and economic opportunity in the region.

#### What's Included in the Purchase:

- Forest License A16836
- Road Permit RP16688
- Annual Allowable Cut (AAC): 10,128 m<sup>3</sup>/year
- Log Marketing Agreement with A&A Trading Ltd.

#### Purchase Details:

- Total Cost: \$1,579,968.00
- Approved by Chief and Council on July 9, 2024
- Supported by Kitselas Development Corporation/Kitselas Forestry LP

#### Funding the Purchase:

- \$800,000.00 was transferred by Kitselas Forestry LP to Kitselas in 2024.
- A second distribution of up to \$800,000.00.00 may follow, on a best-efforts basis, with the potential to fully cover the purchase cost.

#### What This Means for Kitselas:

- More control over our lands and resources
- Strengthened economic development
- Ongoing management by Kitselas Forestry LP alongside current forest tenures
- Continued partnerships with trusted industry players

This is another big step forward in Kitselas' long-term vision for economic independence, land stewardship, and community strength.



## 2025 Election

### Kitselas Candidates's Platform

#### Platform Submissions



As input from community members, there will be a dedicated newsletter edition to this year's 2025 Election to allow Candidates to submit their platform.

#### Example

- Name
- Short introduction
- Platform Details
- **1 PAGE**



#### Information

- 1 Page (word, or pdf format)
- 1 Photo (can be included)

#### Deadline

Thursday May 22, 2025  
@3:00p.m.

#### Included in Kitselas Connects Issue

Friday May 30, 2025

#### Voting Details

When:  
**Monday  
June 12, 2025**

Location:  
**Gitaus  
Administration  
Building**

and

**Kulspai  
Community Hall**

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## Get in Touch

Kitselas Connects is put together by the Kitselas Communication Department.

Please email [communications@kitselas.com](mailto:communications@kitselas.com) with any info (events, news, fundraisers, photos, etc) that you would like to share with the community.

**Deadline for submission is Tuesday.**  
**Call 250.635.5084 EXT 4071**  
**with any questions.**

**[www.kitselas.com](http://www.kitselas.com)**

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### **OFFICE HOURS**

Monday to Friday 8:30am - 4pm  
Closed for lunch 12 - 12:30pm

