



Candidates Newsletter

McLeod Lake Indian Band 2020 General Election

Revised

McLeod Lake Indian Band provides all candidates of the MLIB 2020 General Election with a venue to address the voters of McLeod Lake by posting their platforms or letters to members. This will be conveyed to members through the McLeod Lake Indian Band official website with printed copies delivered to members residing at McLeod Lake Indian Reserve #1. We are not mailing the newsletters.

Submissions to the Candidates Newsletter are not mandatory for candidates. Accordingly, some candidates have chosen not to have their presentations in this newsletter.

Please note that the MLIB Administration has not edited any of the submissions nor does Administration express any opinions regarding the contents of the messages. The pages are solely the opinions of the candidates.

Voting

Regarding the election, there are three ways to vote:

1. **Mail in ballots** – be sure to mail ballots back early as Canada Post is running slower than normal because of heavy volume. The ballots must be received by the Electoral Officer by close of polls, June 5th, 2020.

2. **Electronically** – electronic voting is active now and to 8:00 PM June 5, 2020. Please contact <https://www.onefeather.ca/nations/mcleodlake> for a tutorial on electronic voting and *access to electronic voting*.
3. **In person** – There will be two polling stations open for in-person voting. The main polling station will be McLeod Lake at the Band Hall. The second polling station is at the McLeod Lake Indian Band/Tse'khene Community Development Business Office, Second Floor, 1570-Third Avenue, Prince George, BC.

COVID-19 precautions will be in place at both polling stations. We remind people to keep a 2 metre distance. As sanitizing will occur between voters, the process will take longer than in the past.

Polls are open in McLeod Lake and Prince George from 8:00 AM to 8:00 PM on Friday, June 5, 2020.

Counting of Ballots

Counting of ballots will commence after polls close on Friday, June 5th. Unlike previous years, COVID-19 will impact the counting of votes. There will be limited access in both McLeod Lake and Prince George to the counting areas. Measures will be taken to virtually inform members of results.

Declaration of Election Results

The Official Report of the 2020 McLeod Lake Indian Band General Election will be posted in the McLeod Lake Indian Band Hall on the morning of June 8 and on the MLIB website soon thereafter. Unofficial results may be known at the end of the counting of votes.

MCLEOD LAKE INDIAN BAND ELECTION NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the McLeod Lake Indian Band has called an Election in accordance with the McLeod Lake Indian Band Custom Election Code (2013) for the purpose of electing one (1) Chief, one (1) Elder Councillor, one(1) Youth Councillor, two(2) On-Reserve Councillors and two (2) Off-Reserve Councillors to the Office of Chief and Council for the ensuing three (3) year term; six (6) Trustees for the MLIB Treaty 8 Trust; and two (2) members of the Land Management Committee on June 5, 2020 for the next ensuing Term of Office.

POLLING STATION LOCATIONS JUNE 5, 2020 – 8:00AM TO 8:00PM

MLIB OFFICE
1570-3RD AVENUE
2ND FLOOR - PRINCE GEORGE, BC

MAIN ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE
MCLEOD LAKE, BC

AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE: ELIGIBLE ELECTORS WILL BE ABLE TO VOTE IN PERSON OR ELECTRONIC BALLOT OR BY MAIL IN BALLOT ONLY. MAIL IN VOTING BALLOT PACKAGES WILL BE SENT TO ELIGIBLE ELECTORS FOR WHOM A LAST KNOWN RESIDENTIAL MAIL ADDRESS IS KNOWN WHO DO NOT RESIDE IN THE MCLEOD LAKE OR PRINCE GEORGE AREAS. IF YOU RESIDE AT MCLEOD LAKE OR PRINCE GEORGE AND WILL NOT BE ABLE TO ATTEND TO VOTE AT A POLLING LOCATION YOU MAY REQUEST A MAIL IN BALLOT VOTING PACKAGE AT ANY TIME BY CONTACTING THE ELECTORAL OFFICER.

VOTE BY ELECTRONIC BALLOT FROM MAY 5TH TO 8:00 PM JUNE 5TH, 2020

To vote electronically, please visit:

<https://www.onefeather.ca/nations/mcleodlake>

Please read and follow the instructions provided. You will be required to provide your Registry Number (this is your 10-digit Status card number - starting with "618..."), Date of Birth and an Email Address and Phone Number. If you encounter any problems or are unable to complete this registration process, please use the "HELP" button or contact the Electoral Officer information on the website.

Please Note: Any eligible Voter may vote in person or by Mail-in Ballot or by Electronic Voting. If an Eligible Voter has not received a voting package please contact the Electoral Officer with your residential mailing address information so that the necessary documents can be provided to you.

APPEAL BOARD CONTACT INFORMATION

Attn: Appeal Board Chair
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Main Administrative Office
General Delivery, McLeod Lake, BC V0J 2G0
Fax: (250) 750-4420

Given under my hand at Victoria, British Columbia, this 1st day of May 2020.





Chief

NOMINATIONS FOR THE OFFICE OF CHIEF

TREVOR AUBICHON

HARLEY J. CHINGEE

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Hello Peoples of The McLeod Lake Indian Band

My Name is Trevor Aubichon.

I am the Grandson to Agnes Frank (Solonas, (maiden)), and the oldest son of 4 children to Martha Ponto. (Aubichon. (Frank)maiden.)

I am also a nominee for Chief of the McLeod Lake Indian Band.

I want to thank those of you who will place a vote in my name. whether I win, or I lose I do appreciate the vote of confidence it means a lot to me!

If it so happens that I receive the requisite amount of votes then one of the things on my Agenda is to look at making some changes to the election act and the duties and responsibilities of those people whom we have elected to serve the people.

I think that we need more definition over how people are assuming roles that are ideally meant to serve the community yet are not being used in that capacity all the time. I believe that if we, those who are asking to be elected, are asking you to vote for us, then we, again the elected, need to honor that by serving those who have elected us!

Now I know that open and honest communication and transparency has been an issue over the past years with different C&C's, yet we must keep pushing for that reform. We are a strong resilient people us Tse'Khenes, and I am hopeful that we can make decisions that will have a positive effect on us today and for our children's future.

As we live in this strange pandemic world (like that movie with Matt Damon), none of us really know what to expect coming out the other side. There is a certain amount of apprehension on what a post-pandemic world will look like. What work will be available to our peoples not just here but everywhere?

If that is you, then I too have these questions. But I was a self-employed professional sales representative for over 35 years. I am no stranger to seeking out business opportunities new and old. I have the skills and ability to look outside the box at different sources of revenue streams than those traditional ones. The world is fast changing, and we need to move with it. Learning new technology is just a different means of trapping, and I know we know how to trap. Together I think we can address all these issues, but my immediate mandate is to have a stronger leadership and governing roles for our people. If we can stand united together then we can have a stronger outcome for our people.

I am university educated. I took the Bachelor of Arts program at the University of Alberta from '95-'99. I majored in psychology and minored in philosophy. I often joke that I can think myself into a corner then analyze how I got there.

It was my Aboriginal Heritage that made it possible for me to attend University. As a young man growing up in Prince George, I never ever thought I would one day attend University and have those experiences of learning and enrichment be a part of my life to pass on to my daughter; yet, here I am talking about it.

I would like everyone to feel that self-pride. Learning something is a great accomplishment and it is something I think we take for granted. If elected I would like to ensure that our children have that same option to all of them, wherever they live and whatever they want to study! Knowledge begets knowledge...or something like that lol.

It goes without saying that our life experience is also a form of knowledge and perhaps even more so within the scope of aboriginal history. Our elders are our history. The Elders of our community hold within them the knowledge of our families, of our traditions, our meals, trails, names, places and dates and of course language.

I believe we need to put more resources into our elder community. Housing, senior health, recreation and learning. These programs are ultimately the foundation for carrying our identity forward to our youth and having them embrace those messages and carry it forward to their families and so on.

Before I finish, I would like to share a paragraph from a Book I started reading during my time at University. It was at a time when I was considering going to Law School, so I started to study formal logic which is used to ascertain (learn; discover) the Truth-value of propositions in Ethics and really any science.

I read this passage often because it reminds me that if we do not ask questions and always seek to know what is true, then how can we know what is true? Seems simplistic right?

“All of us, . . . students and teachers, are, and must be, concerned with acquiring true beliefs about ourselves and the world around us. The emphasis here is on ‘true’ because, as agents constantly interacting with the world, we must care about whether our beliefs accurately picture the world. To be indifferent to the truth of one’s beliefs or to think that the truth of a belief is a matter of how one feels about things, rather than how things are, is to court disaster. One who takes such a cavalier attitude towards truth will often end up thinking that such and such is the case when the world is really quite different. And the fact that the world is different will cause him or her at least consternation and very possibly serious harm”

Bergmann, Moore & Nelson (1990). The Logic Book, p1.

One of the ways we know truth when we see it is in its transparency. When we have nothing to hide, everything is open for all to see. Accountability!

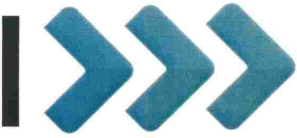
Thank you all for reading. I hope this has given you some in-site into who I am and what I stand for. And in case it is still a little ambiguous, I stand for Truth and transparency. I believe in respect for everyone. And I believe we need those attributes in a leader for everyone but especially for our children to look up to and all I can hope is that my child of one, can see me in that light when I leave this world.

Best regards, Mussi Cho,

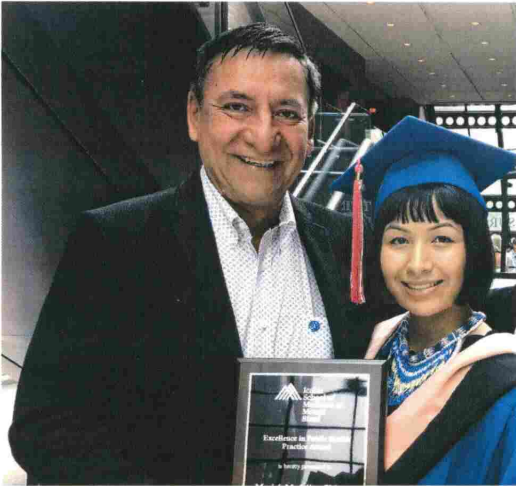
Trevor Aubichon.



RE-ELECT HARLEY CHINGEE



Decisive Leadership



A Solid Record

- ▶▶▶ **Turning the Band-Owned Businesses Around:** Chief Chingee has brought over \$100 million in new revenue and a new 100,000 cubic metre renewable forest license.
- ▶▶▶ **Balancing growth with environmental protection:** Chief Chingee decided to log spruce beetle impacted stands, improving both safety and revenue for our community. Chief Chingee also plans to replant our Treaty 8 lands with over 9 million trees, far above provincial regulation.
- ▶▶▶ **Committed to community health:** During the COVID-19 outbreak, Chief Chingee approved a food program for elders in McLeod Lake and Prince George as well as approved \$100 distribution for every youth both on and off reserve.
- ▶▶▶ **Education for all:** Chief Chingee mandated that all MLIB members have access to all the funding they need to get the education they deserve.
- ▶▶▶ **Work for MLIB members:** Chief Chingee has secured employment for MLIB members in every new big business venture in our territory.
- ▶▶▶ **Revitalizing our Language and Culture:** Under Chief Chingee, MLIB developed a Tse'Khene Language Program and secured \$125,000 to strengthen our traditional Tse'Khene language.

Continued Prosperity Going Forward

- ▶▶▶ **Diversifying business :** Chief Chingee recognizes the need to move beyond forestry. Chief Chingee will pursue new opportunities in tourism, hemp, real estate, and alternative energy.
- ▶▶▶ **Unprecedented compensation from Industry:** The band's revenue from Site C will be doubled for 2021, and tripled for 2022. Chief Chingee has also negotiated \$20 million a year from new mines in our territory.
- ▶▶▶ **Self-government on our lands:** Chief Chingee has nearly completed an agreement on wildlife co-management with Canada and BC. MLIB will also have its own table at the Mackenzie Timber Supply Review, and will lead on caribou herd planning.

On **June 5th**, choose decisive leadership.
Choose **Harley Chingee** for Chief

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Find Harley on Facebook:
Chief Harley Chingee



NOMINATIONS FOR THE OFFICE OF ELDER COUNCILLOR	
GEORGINA CHINGEE	ZEPHERIA (SOPHIE) ISADORE
MARGIE CHINGEE	DORIS JACKSON
ALBERT ISADORE	GERALDINE R. SOLONAS

1 position

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Georgina Chingee for Elders Councillor

My parents are Max and Josephine McNab Tylee and I was mostly raised by my grandparents, Katherine and Theodore. I have been married to Alec Chingee for 47 years. I have three children, Dora, Lionel and Vincent and two grandchildren, Jared and Atreyu.

My first language is Tse'khene and I speak it fluently and continue to speak it today. I was raised in our traditions and culture and passed this knowledge down to my children and grandchildren. I have taught the language at the school and have worked in the community as the language teacher. I have worked with the Elders, the preschoolers and the daycare students in our community. I have also been a cultural advisor for corporations and businesses in our region.

I envision a new start and a new beginning for our community. We need fresh ideas to move forward with. I would like to find ways to encourage our young adults to get involved as they are our future leaders.

I am looking for your support to be elected to the Elders' Councillor position.

Musi Cho.
Georgina Chingee



Margie **CHINGEE** Elder's Council

Danachea,

My name is Margie Chingee. I am the Eldest daughter of Amelia Chingee (Toodick) and Sam Chingee. I am running for the Elder's Council position and hoping for your support.



I believe the Elder's Council mandate is to bring experience and wisdom to the table of our Chief and Council. Our Elders need a strong voice on Council. I will bring my experience and empathy for all of the Elders. We are survivors of a system that tried to oppress us. We will move forward and upward. I promise to work with the community and on behalf of all members with a special focus on us Elders.

My commitment is to always listen to you, talk with you, understand your concerns and advocate at the Chief and Council table. In this time of social distancing we all have to recognize the health and well-being, as well as mental health of all members. We are all getting cabin fever.

Mussi Cho Tse'khene for your support,

Margie



Danachea,

First, I would like to say that I am humbled and honored to have been nominated for Elders Councilor, which I have graciously accepted. My name is Doris Jackson and I was born, raised, and currently live in our homeland of McLeod Lake. I am a proud Tse'khene woman and the daughter of Antoine Solonas from McLeod Lake and Harriett A'Houle from Carrier Nation. I Have three grown children. M Jason Solonas, Ben Jackson, and Andrea Jackson. I Have been blessed with one grandchild Amelia Doris Victoria Jackson.

I Have served one term on the Board of Trustees which I truly enjoyed. This has helped me have an understanding of the trust and the bands financial in and outs. I have also worked for Land Referral for 15 years in many different compacities. With this I have gained knowledge of our Treaty8 Territories.

If I am elected, I will look into getting a vehicle for Elders only. This would be used for shopping trips once a week or bi – weekly for those who need it. Also, to be used for Doctors Appointments and have a capable escort for those who need it. Also set up an Elders Corner at the Independent Living Centre for language, game nights, movie nights, tea time, and just to have a place that our Elders can meet, share stories, and be together.

I am committed to continuing the language program for the elders, and also include our youth. I will set up Elder and youth get togethers for storytelling. To share with youth our language, history, and see how it compares to their lives today. I feel it is very important to reconnect our Elders with the youth to reconnect the past with the present. I would also like to see that Elders are once again involved in Land referral trips to be engaged and have knowledge and input to the impacts being made to our traditional territory.

If elected I will make myself available during working hours and for emergencies on weekends. I want to be involved with the community and be sure I am available to help whenever needed.

I will see that Elders are respected and have a voice within the band. I will also ensure that all Elders on and off reserve needs are met to the best of MLIBs ability. I feel that Elders are essential to the band and that it is time that our voices are heard and the old ways are not forgotten.

Mussi Cho

Doris Jackson.

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VOTE

Geraldine Solonas



Spirituality!
Health!
Knowledge!
Culture!
Community!
Growth!
Praying!
Wellness!
Future Generations!

Language!
Balance in Life!
Mother Earth!
Family!
Healing!
Team Work!
Equality!
Wisdom!

for Elder Councillor

**VALUES: HONESTY, INTEGRITY, PASSION,
RESPECT, TRUSTWORTHINESS,
COMPASSION, COURAGE, TRANSPARENCY!**



**CANDIDATES FOR THE OFFICE
OF
ON-RESERVE COUNCILLOR**

2 positions

NOMINATIONS FOR THE OFFICE ON-RESERVE COUNCILLOR		
JEAN (JOHN) DUMONT	ELIZABETH SOLONAS	ANITA VALLEE
SUNDANCE INYALLIE	JENINE SOLONAS	
DEBORAH PRINCE	RICHARD SOLONAS	

Editor's note:

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Hello to all,

These days I answer to the name John Dumont, (ne: Jean-Ross Prince) my mother is Madeline Prince, I am nephew to Patrick, Mary, Evelyn, and the late Cecil, Rita, Susan and Tom. I am grandson to the late Andrew Prince and Anne Solonas.

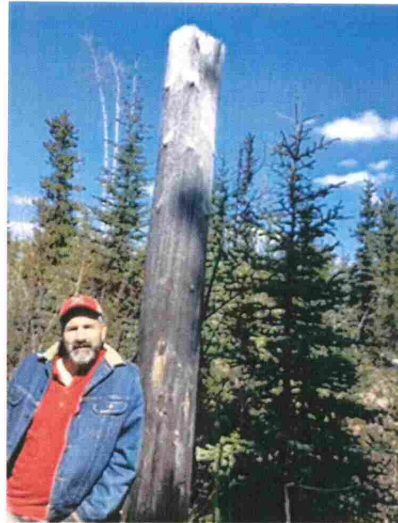
I am son to John Dumont, who, as a father to my 7 siblings, always drove us up here to McLeod Lake to visit as we grew up. He wanted to make sure we understood that this is where we came from. With that, my siblings and I have always held this land and our people in high regard. I am thankful today that not only have I been welcomed back, but furthermore have been nominated to represent our people as an On-Reserve Councillor.

I am in a school course at the moment working towards earning my Chemical Addictions Certificate, I have accepted a certificate along with my sister in putting together Culture Camps, I have also trained for and accepted a position as a facilitator for a gov't funded program called 'The Dudes Club' which helps Residential School men with physical and mental health awareness. I have found more success in this last-mentioned program with 1-on-1 conversations over group sessions at this present time. I have been given access to the woodshop in the community and have participated with bandmembers in successful and ongoing woodwork projects. I have enjoyed the children coming in as a group with demands of 'making' small wood projects such as wooden flowers, cat scratching posts and maybe the odd Peter Pan looking cartoon pirate swords.

The values I hold true to in life include Family, Integrity, Honesty and Confidence which I portray in my everyday life. With these values I vow to use them as tools in this position that I am nominated for. I personally enjoy the challenge of finding solutions over excuses and leaning towards the positive side of life. I vow to be a helpful team player with others towards achieving our decided goals.

As I enjoy all these accomplishments along with my ongoing community participation, be it in helping clean yards, fixing fences(in PG) or simply being a taxi-service for essentials, I am looking forward to also helping in a higher capacity if you choose to, I will continue as I am because it helps us all, including myself.

Thank you for reading this and good luck to all those running along side of me in our quest to achieve our desired positions!



Anita Vallee

Candidate for On-Reserve Councillor



Danachea!

My name is Anita Vallee, and It is a great honour to accept the nomination for On-Reserve Councillor for the McLeod Lake Indian Band. I am the daughter of Max & Josephine Tylee, who taught me our Tse'khene language, culture and traditions that I actively practice and enjoy teaching to our children and youth today.

I was born and raised in McLeod Lake and I look forward to the opportunity to serve all our members to the best of my abilities, if you give me the honour and vote for me on June 5th, 2020. If elected, I commit to being a part of the important steps required to create a healthier and stronger McLeod Lake community. I have embraced positive changes in my life and am proud to say that I have been sober for over 8 years now.

I believe I can help others who face challenges based on my healing journey, and the

experiences I have faced and overcome in my life.

Family is everything to me. I have 2 beautiful girls, and two beautiful angels and a handsome grandson in the spirit world who I think about and pray to every day. I know that they watch over me, look out for me, and they inspire me to be a better person each and every day.

I have worked with Youth at the high-school, and have 8 grandchildren with some now attending university. I am compassionate and feel my work with our Youth and favorite role of *at'soo* ("gramma"), has given me a good understanding of their issues and concerns, and also, their ideas and aspirations – they are our future and need to be supported to fulfill their potential.

We must look out for our Elders, they are our knowledge-keepers and teachers who will sustain us into the future as distinct Tse'khene peoples.



I am sincerely grateful and humbled for this opportunity, *mussi cho* (thank you)!

Condolences to all the families that lost loved ones in the last couple of years. We all know one of the hardest parts of losing someone we love is living on without them. My heart goes out to those that have kids or elders to support at difficult times and grieving while doing so.

My name is Sundance Kidd Inyallie mussi cho for the nomination. It was good to see our band doing well before the coronavirus hit and the world shut down. At some point the world will likely open up again, although things will be done differently until medical professionals and scientists figure it out.

Until then we should be supporting our people through these difficult days and not cut the support when monthly bills keep coming. Particularly those that work hard for what they have and want to keep what they have. This shouldn't happen in a time of crisis and not when our band has the means to help the people. Money isn't the issue here, but it helps clear up people's debts and gives us peace of mind and why not help our people when we can? I was once told " i'm not your cousin to give it all away " meaning former chief Derek Orr, but Derek did the right thing by giving us a break. People are dying in the world and we're losing members too. We can't wait until we're all gone then help, and not in a time of crisis, also we wouldn't be breaking the bank to do so.

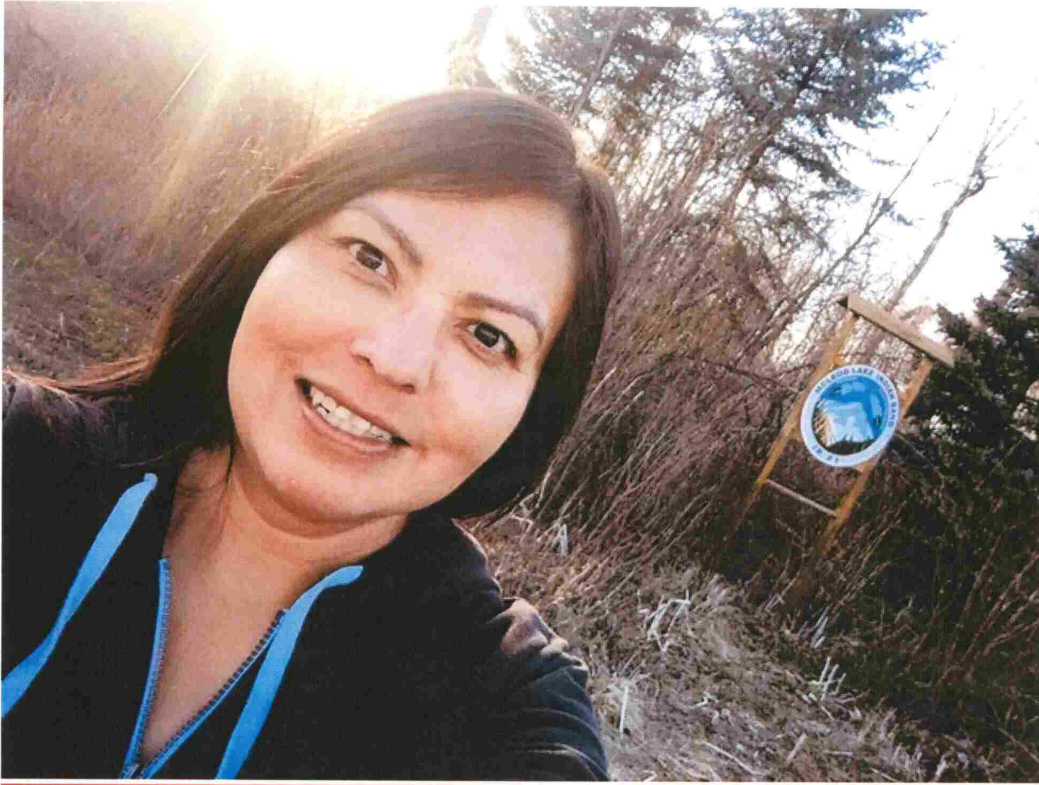
We must do a better job of supporting our people on/off reserve. Especially our elders and their homes to help make it easier for them. My parents and I are fortunate to have each other and close by sadly alot don't. It helps to have great family support, because when people feel like they have no one to turn to it hurts. People on/off reserve should feel better knowing that MLIB should be there for them. I get that there's individuals who can't seem to make the right choices, but this is the nature of free will. We shouldn't presume to walk in another's shoes. I know the majority of our people make good choices with what we get.

Once the world really gets up and running again there's a number issues to deal with among them update the communication between the on/off reserve members and the home office. Our elders are a priority. Many of them are independent and their homes should be fixed to meet their needs. Obviously health, jobs and education is crucial and we will continue to find ways for membership to benefit from either. Housing and the housing deficit are a close second and also must be dealt with. Can't say for sure what the future looks like and i know there's circumstances we've all faced and felt powerless #it stinks. I can't say much more than that unless i'm in office, so i'm asking for your support and once i'm in office i can gain a better understanding of how to help our people. To be a voice for the voiceless an instrument of the people's will and not the other way around.

I'm asking the people to allow me to help look after our best interests and this includes all band company businesses and the people as a whole. Give me a chance to look out for all our people as my mother, my mentor, my friend Elizabeth Solonas tries and has done so for half her life and she still tries. These are trying times, so a fresh voice in office would vastly help. I'm not going to blow sunshine up your tailpipe and offer you empty promises, but i will tell you where the money is and where it's being spent. Young to old I won't forget our people or our homeland.

Sundance Kidd Inyallie
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JENINE SOLONAS FOR ON RESERVE COUNCILLOR



Danachea' McLeod Lake Band Members ☺

- ✓ I am committed to staying connected to our Culture and Ancestral Lands to help teach the future generations about their Tse'khene History.
- ✓ I am committed to working in a team environment with Chief & Council.
- ✓ I am committed to being Equal, Honest, Humble, Respectful, and have Compassion for All Members.
- ✓ I am committed to working towards Education, Wildlife programs, Housing and Community Health to make On Reserve a safe place to raise our children.

Thank you for your support! And Good Luck to all Candidates....

Danache'a MLIB members, family and friends,

Running for On Reserve Councillor to represent our Tse'khene people of McLeod Lake Indian Band, it's complicated. I'm grateful for the nomination for this position, and I wouldn't for a moment decline the nomination because I feel the ones who nominated me believe in my integrity and my loyalty to membership and our community. I will run, on the premise that there is at least one person out there that has faith in the way I think, and in what I believe we can accomplish as a community. I'm grateful for the vote of confidence...and that at least one person believes I have what it takes to represent our community.

To be honest, I did wake up one morning and felt undecided about running for a political position in our community. I felt different when I considered my options compared to my feeling when I was initially nominated for on reserve councillor. I spent that day trying to reconcile what I was trying to decide, not sure what my choice was and feeling disconnected from the choice I believed I was being offered. Then, I had the most amazing conversation with my cousin, and in one fell swoop she helped me reconcile my dilemma. I'm reminded again about medicine in our community. I'm reminded that each of us has a medicine that we carry to create and promote health in our community. We have family that are born with and carry medicine to heal our community, our children, and our leaders. I understand, today, that for me, I want to record that conversation. I want to understand and hear those conversations...I want to be on the side of our members who are looking to find reconciliation, and I want to talk to people who want to record their personal histories of struggle, sadness, and hope for our future. It dawns on me that we forget in our daily lives, with our struggles and insecurities that we all carry medicine. We have lost the ability to teach each other how to embrace, and grow our confidence to own our medicine, and share it. I, for one, have allowed myself to be kept in the dark. I, for one, admit I have no clue.... Except for this light that shines in me when I am experiencing my darkest moments. I believe at this time I am ready to hear and record conversations with our members who have stories to tell. Life lessons and important messages for our future generations and I hope I'm up to the task. Politics in our community is an interesting platform for the candidates to have an opportunity to be honest, based on their actions....to promise a community they as candidates have the energy to make our community of Tse'khene members satisfied. Truth is, in the history of elections, when have our community members ever been happy with the chief and Council they elected?



It's an election... Wouldn't it be amazing to elect representatives that have medicine, and who have demonstrated how they are growing their medicine and how they are sharing it with our people. I've nominated candidates I hope will represent our best interests. We will play it out ... and what we vote for is what we asked for. No worries... I believe we know what is good for us, and if we don't, well then, we have another term of three years to think about it.

Mussi Cho,

Chas'dazi (Swallow)

Deborah Prince

RICHARD MARK SOLONAS

FOR

ON-RESERVE COUNCILLOR

Danach'ea MLIB voting membership,

I have been nominated to sit as an on-reserve Council member. I am Tse'Khene, and have three (3) children; Darcey, Dustin, Summer Madam, and one (1) grand-child, Scarlett. My education background is: NVIT (Merritt, BC), Camosun College (Victoria, BC), and The University of Victoria.

My program of studies was social work and I finished 3 years of the program. Through my studies I became knowledgeable/aware of the socio-economic issues of aboriginal communities; nationally, regionally, and at the community level. I am concerned with the social issues of the McLeod Lake Band. As on-reserve Councillor I will ensure that MLIB membership concerns/issues; whether on or off-reserve, will be brought to the table at duly convened Chief and Council meetings for their consideration.

Because of the covid-19 global pandemic, there will be changes in how the MLIB community deals with membership and the economic issues that stem from this global crisis.

The present isolation, safe-distancing measurements taken by various community-based programs - on-reserve – have been enacted by the MLIB Chief and Council and administration to mitigate (lessen) the impact of the pandemic.

The current issues that face the MLIB membership are:

- Concerns with the Covid-19 pandemic and how will MLIB deal with the negative impacts of the Covid-19 outbreak. Emergency Management programs to handle future epidemics and pandemics, natural disasters, wildfires, shortage of potable water, etc.
- The MLIB Membership Code question.
- Continue with MLIB's aspirations of membership independence (through education).
- Social-media/virtual communication between MLIB administration and the membership is trending; and the need to improve these capabilities is of paramount importance.

The above are some of the present issues confronting the membership; however, there will be new challenges as we move forward. The MLIB will have to be prepared for whatever comes our way.

If elected as on-reserve Councillor, I will support the MLIB in all it's past, present and future initiatives.

Thank you for your time and consideration at this time.

Ricard M. Solonas.



**CANDIDATES FOR THE OFFICE
OF
OFF-RESERVE COUNCILLOR**

2 positions

NOMINATIONS FOR THE OFFICE OFF-RESERVE COUNCILLOR		
JOSEPH ALDERLIESTEN	MINNIE ISADORE	BRIAN RIVARD SR.
VINCENT CHINGEE	FAY MASEAR	SONYA SOLONAS
CHEYENNE INYALLIE	NATHAN PRINCE	TANIA SOLONAS
FRED INYALLIE	YASMIN PRINCE	TINA VAN DER REE

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Vincent Chingee for Off-Reserve Councillor

- **Strong Tse'khene Knowledge**
- **Excellent Community and Family Values**
- **Dynamic and Productive Business Knowledge**

Danache'a

Overview

I was born and raised in McLeod Lake. My parents are Georgina and Alec Chingee, wife is Jessica Erickson, son is Jared (Ihsti Nudah), and siblings are Lionel and Dora. I currently live in Fort St James and I have 10 years Environmental Advisor experience at the Mount Milligan mine.

I know that I will be an exceptional off-reserve councillor for McLeod Lake Indian Band because of my traditional knowledge, respect for community and strong business experience. I am asking for your support because I will provide outstanding leadership and I will serve the McLeod Lake community with respect and dedication.

Strong Tse'khene Knowledge

I was raised in a family that taught me to respect Tse'khene traditions. As an off-reserve councillor I will be able to share my knowledge of trapping, hunting, and medicine-gathering with all of our McLeod members.

Excellent Community and Family Values

I was born in McLeod Lake community and as the off-reserve councillor I would make sure that I bring forth relevant housing, education, health and wellness issues. I also know we need to respect our elders' wisdom, guidance and leadership. In addition, I would always emphasize that we build strong family values for our entire McLeod Lake community.

Dynamic and Productive Business Knowledge

As off-reserve councillor, I am supportive that McLeod Lake keeps investing in businesses that are profitable, successful, and sustainable. I currently work at Mount Milligan mine and I have learned about profitable mining operations, business dealings, and environmental responsibility. I will bring forth an ethical, accountable and fiscally responsible approach to McLeod Lake finances.

RE-ELECT **FAY MASEAR** OFF RESERVE COUNCILLOR

Thank you for giving me the honour of serving you as Off Reserve Councillor 2017/2020. I served you with respect, honesty and integrity. I was an active Council member and a voice at the Council table. I sat on numerous committees and was always a participating committee member. Having a background in finance, administration, working with government and industry was essential in performing my duties as a Councillor. I assisted with the development of Policies and Guidelines for our Administration departments and Chief and Council Policy and Guidelines. I will continue to be accountable and transparent to the membership by being a strong voice and dedicated Council member if re-elected. I will ensure I make informed decisions at the Council table to benefit each band member and our future generations.

It will be a blessing to the community with the construction of a modern and energy efficient Health Center in the near future. We were ill prepared for Covid 19 and we don't know what the future will hold. Now is the time to implement measures to ensure the safety and health of our membership. Keep our community safe and secure.

Moving forward if re-elected I would like to develop a Crisis Policy and Guidelines so we have structure in place to protect our band members well being and keep our community safe. Locate clean drinking water close to the community and put a Protection Plan in place. Moose moratorium indefinitely to ensure our band members always have a sustained food source.

- Create an Emergency Crisis Fund
- Affordable housing for Off Reserve/rent subsidy program
- Shuttle service for Prince George members especially Elders to go to McLeod Lake to visit family or friends and attend community events or workshops

The world as we know it has changed drastically in the past few years. Forestry has seen a major decline and at this time we need to continue to diversify our business holdings to ensure a steady revenue stream for our Band. * Minimize infringement * Maximize economic benefits. Having a fully active Council to share the work load will provide growth and sustainability for our Band.

Best of luck to all candidates and may you fulfill your role to the best of your capabilities if elected. Serve the band members with trust, honesty, integrity and treat each band member with respect.

Stay Healthy! Take care, be happy, be kind and proud Tse'khenes!

RE-ELECT **FAY MASEAR** OFF RESERVE COUNCILLOR

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Hello. My name is Sonya Solonas and I was nominated for off reserve councilor for McLeod Lake Indian Band. I am the daughter of Seraphine Inyallie, who my children affectionately call "Grandma Dynamite" haha! I had the opportunity to sit on the Land Management committee for the past 3 years and I learned a lot about our homeland. I am very appreciative to our hard-working staff members who work on behalf of all of our members. In the past 10 years or so...I have started to reconnect with my homeland and my family who reside there. As many of you might know, I grew up not knowing my culture or where I came from. I was a part of the 60's scoop, meaning I was taken from my mom at a young age and placed long term with a non-Indigenous family. In my teenage years, I struggled with identity and never felt like I belonged anywhere. I fell into alcohol and drug addiction until I was 25, so I know the struggle. For many years I did not like that part of who I was, but when I started to work with people...I realized this was a huge strength because I could relate to their struggles and try to help them through it. When I started to attend AGA's I felt an instant connection and I just loved coming and feeling a part of something where I belonged. I started to understand where I got my fierce sense of humor, lol, I love to hear all the laughter coming from our people. I have four children, Reanna who is 18, Tristen will be 16 at the end of this month, Jaden is 14 and Monti is 13. Over the years, they have also enjoyed attending AGA and making that connection to their roots for themselves. I am a full-time student and I am entering into my third year of Social Work. I take all my classes online and if I am selected for off reserve councilor, I will still continue with a class or two. I have always wanted to relocate back home to be closer to my mom, if chosen for this position, I would do so. I worked in an outreach position a few years ago and I developed a love for advocating for and helping people. This is truly my passion. If I am elected I would be honored to represent our off reserve members and bring their concerns to the Chief and Council table. Thank you for listening and good luck to all our members who were nominated.

I, Cheyenne Joseph Inyallie, member of McLeod Indian Band, Grew up and lived in McLeod Lake most of my life, Up till approximately 4 years ago where I now reside in Prince George with my common-law wife Leona A.

It is an honour to be nominated for off reserve Council and if elected I would like to be part of the change for our members

I have never run for elections before but I am willing to learn the ropes, listen for suggestions and new ideas from our people

A few ideas I do have in mind are

- build a gas station/restaurant around Bear Lake
- a park-campground/water park below the reserve
- have a say in keeping our distribution monies going for band members

Thank You Cheyenne Inyallie

Cheyenne Inyallie

Off Reserve Council Representative



Nathan Paul Prince, Stewards of the Land

I have been working with McLeod Lake Indian Band since around 1998... when our Cousin Verne sent me a copy of the Treaty we were looking at signing with the Government and he wanted to know if there was anything we might be missing in the document...

When we signed the Treaty in year 2000, I began working directly with the band as a Communications Officer. My first task was to create our Membership Code. Because there were not many other First Nation membership codes, I used examples from Alert Bay, Tsawwassen, Squamish and Manitoba First Nations who had already written their own codes... The second document I wrote up was our Custom Election Code, again using examples from other First Nation communities who had written their own. Both documents were presented to the Chief and Council to look over and a committee drawn up to review and make any changes.

I have since left the community after a couple of management positions to work in the auto industry for luxury brands such as Mercedes-Benz, Infiniti and Lamborghini. As a Customer Relations Manager, my role was to follow up with the sales teams (up to 45 sales people at a time) and manage millions of dollars worth of car inventory... make sure the teams were being productive, make sure the client were enjoying their experience and reporting to the brand owners...

I am now comfortable speaking with our Province representatives and work passionately to make sure we are using the permitting forum to open up negotiations for Joint Ventures, capacity funds to offset costs to our office, work for our Duz Cho Construction company, programs for our monitors, and help to facilitate collaboration with our other departments when these works fall outside my job tasks. I believe I still have much more to offer our Community and our Band members...

I would like to represent you for the next 3 years

VOTE



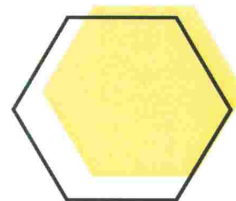
Tania Solonas

For

Off Reserve
Councillor



My Promise To You



Language & Culture

Continue to work with our Nation's members to bring Tse'Khene language & culture to every member: dictionaries, online resources & webinars.

Land & Resources

Gathering valuable input from our member's on land & resources you want to protect, and economic opportunities that you want to pursue.

Transparency & Equality

Push for open, honest & transparent communication for all of our members.

Work hard for our People, and ensure that we are all treated as equal.

TANIA SOLONAS

Call or e-mail, if you have any questions.
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My name is Fred Inyallie jr, and I have been nominated for off reserve councilor for McLeod lake Indian band.

If get elected for this position I will work hard for the membership to ensure that our band prospers and has a future for all membership and future generations to come. I have been in this position before therefore I have some knowledge of our band and I will be transparent and have accountability to our membership. I would like to see better housing for on reserve and for off reserve as well! I would also like to see more of band members happily employed by our administrations, businesses and our companies. The more band members the better. We can achieve our goals together.

And I hope you are all staying safe from this pandemic.

Mussi cho, Fred Inyallie jr

YASMIN PRINCE for MLIB Off Reserve Councilor

Let's Build for our Future together.

Danache'a family and members

I am one of Doris Leclair (Prince) daughters. I am honored to have previously been on Chief and Council from 2006-2017, Board of Trustee from 2003-2006 and Youth Worker 2001-2003. Currently I am a Board of Director of our McLeod Lake and Mackenzie Community Forest.

In the last 3 years I have been working with South Island Wellness Society on Tsawout territory as a facilitator of meetings between Ministry of Child and Family and First Nations Families. I work in 8 of the south Vancouver Island First Nations communities collaboratively in keeping their children with family and in community. I have been observing and talking with the 8 south island First nations community members and their C&C on community and governance issues as well as the pros and cons of their 2 year election process. These two new experiences, as well as my previous C&C experience have motivated me to run for off reserve council again.

As we move forward in this pandemic time, this new reality connects us with the world and regional economic changes, health of our membership, to know more about our Band businesses sustainability and how to rebuild ourselves in new opportunities. Communication, has in the past, been a barrier. My commitment is to be of service to our Governance for this next election term. Time and attention invested in our Land Stewardship and use, Language, Elders and Youth as well a better communication plan will hold us together during this transition towards new goals we collaboratively identify and work towards.

Mussi cho



VOTE

MINNIE ISADORE

FOR OFF-RESERVE COUNCILLOR



Hadi Fellow members,

Thank you for the nomination for Off-Reserve Councillor, a lot of the members know me. I am the daughter of Elders Zepheria Isadore and Ivor Smaaslet.

I live in Mackenzie BC. So, I do understand the facts of living off-reserve.

I am currently working for MLIB which gives me a greater knowledge of reserve life. I recently received my Certificate as a Career Development Practitioner Graduated in January of 2020 and I also have my Certificate in Project Development in 2019. I worked 4 years in the Lands and Housing Departments and currently 1 ½ years as the Training and Employment Coordinator. So, I understand how our lands, housing and training and Employment departments work. I have intensive training in acquiring employment for members.

I love to fish, camp and hunt, I enjoy our territory a lot, I do a lot of back road travelling and spend a lot of time outside. I want to be part of Council so I can speak up about things that happen to a lot of us who live off-reserve. Make our website more user friendlier so our off-reserve members can have more clarity on what is happening on "our" reserve. Get more members involved by reaching out to all band members even if it's a short letter to tell them what I did and worked on and answer the questions they have be it by phone, email, facetime, Facebook etc.

TERM GOALS

- ❖ Increase transparency, accountability, and clarification for all members regarding day to day actions of Chief and Council
- ❖ Want more opportunities for off-reserve members
- ❖ To involve all members in major decisions and welcoming and respecting everyone's input
- ❖ To be able to have monies for off-reserve members regarding training etc.

Election 2020 needs **TEAMWORK** from all members we must bring the members together again!!

We need a Council that questions the Chief not just answers yes or no.

We need a Council that speaks up for the members that is why we have an Elder, Youth, Off and On reserve Councillor(s)

I believe there is huge opportunity here in Northern BC and would love MLIB to be a part of it.

I am reliable, honest hard working Tse'khene woman and I would be honored to be the next Off - Reserve Councillor

VOTE **MINNIE**



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**NOMINATIONS FOR THE OFFICE
OF
YOUTH COUNCILLOR**

1 positions

NOMINATIONS FOR THE OFFICE OF YOUTH COUNCILLOR

JAYDE DURANLEAU

SAMANTHA TITIAN-PRINCE

Editor's note:

The following pages from Candidates for the position of Youth Councillor are solely the Candidates' opinion. The pages are published by McLeod Lake Indian Band without editing and do not necessarily represent the views of the Administration of McLeod Lake Indian Band. The Candidates are responsible for their own comments – McLeod Lake Indian Band assumes no liability.

Danache'a family and band members,

I am a proud member of the McLeod Lake Indian Band, Tse'khene First Nations and I am also Nuuchnulth First Nations on my Father's side who is from Ahousaht First Nations on Vancouver Island. I am the daughter of Deborah Prince, and granddaughter to Doris Leclair of the McLeod Lake Indian Band. I currently live in Nanaimo BC, and am a single parent to my children Talon (8 yrs) and Miigwan (7yrs) Stonechild.

Living on Vancouver Island, I have been able to connect to my beautiful west coast culture and participate in a weekly culture group that practice drumming, singing, dancing and other cultural activities such as drum making, native art, weaving and beadwork. I am grateful to participate in our cultural community here in Nanaimo because we, as a community, grow and support each other during difficult times, and we have created a space free of alcohol and drugs which is important to me as I celebrate 10 years of sobriety in my life. I've taken the opportunity, here on Vancouver Island, and with my Father's clan, to participate in dance performances at the Vancouver Island University, and most recently at the Hoobiyee celebration hosted by the Nisgaa for the 2020 New years celebration.



I currently work at the Tillicum Haus Youth Safe house with at risk youth who struggle with homelessness, and those youth who are in the foster care system. I've learned through this work that the issue of youth in care is such a sensitive topic, and I have learned to understand how important this work is to advocate for youth that have, and may in the future, become lost in a system that is still flawed. My compassion is what helps me to do the work that I do, and I am proud to be an advocate for youth who are still working to find their voice in these times. I come from a loving family who have supported me through some dark times in my youth, and this helps me to continue supporting other youth who need that loving support as well. I've made some amazing connections in my work with organizations like the Urban Youth Association, Nanaimo Tillicum Haus, and the Nanaimo Aboriginal Center.

I am honored to be nominated for Youth Council for the 2020 MLIB Chief and Council Elections. I am reminded that communication and integrity are very important to our people... as a Mother, and a community member I've been able to demonstrate these skills. I am an advocate for our youth in our community to have access to education, language, culture and experience in world views and events. My commitment to our McLeod Lake Indian Band Youth is to advocate for everything that makes them whole, healthy and successful. Thank you again for the nomination, and I look forward to any questions you might have... my email address is Samantha_prince6@hotmail.com, please contact me at any time.

Respectfully,

Samantha Lynn Titian-Prince



ACCLAMATIONS FOR THE OFFICE LANDS MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

SAM CHINGEE JR
AGNES LORRIE MASTIN

Editor's note:

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D'anachea Members!

My name is Agnes Mastin, many of you know me as Agnes Lorrie on social media, or maybe you knew me as Tootsie when I was knee high to a grasshopper. I am the youngest daughter of Jack and Agnes Mastin.

When I was very young, I lived near the reserve with my family. My Dad owned the store at Mile Ninety, as well as Trench Services. In many ways, my mother was very traditional as she picked berries and even bagged a timber wolf.



← This is me back in the day.

As her child, I also like to spend time on the reserve picking berries and visiting friends and family. I have met many of you at our AGAs and have

interacted with many more of you online or at the quarterly meetings. I could sit for hours and listen to our elders tell stories of how things were back in the day. I always feel most at home while visiting our reserve lands. Culture and tradition are important to me, as is family. I want our land to be in good shape for future generations.



← This is me now

I am deeply honoured to have been nominated for a position on the Land Management Committee. Our land is important to us, as this is where our ancestors walked long before the settlers came. It is rich with natural resources and it is important that we manage and protect these resources wisely to the benefit of all our members, both on and off.

I have a lot of good ideas about how to use our land to all our benefit and know you have even more. I would be honored to represent your voice in these matters.



Best Regards & Mussi Cho,
Agnes (Lorrie) Mastin
(Aka: Tootsie)



**CANDIDATES FOR THE OFFICE
OF
Treaty 8 Trustee**

6 positions

NOMINATIONS FOR THE OFFICE TRUSTEE		
CHERYL BELSHAM	MICHAEL BROKEN ARROW (OKE) INYALLIE	JONATHON RIVARD
EDWARD BELSHAM	TOMAHAWK (TOM) INYALLIE	KIM SEBASTIAN
EUREKA CARTY	MARION JACKSON	JOLENE SOLONAS
COURTENAY CASSIDY	RICHARD JACKSON	KENNETH SOLONAS
APRIL DIONNE	DESTINY KETLO	KANDY STOUT
ROD INGLIS	DAPHNE NICOLSON	BONNIE TIBBETS
MAUREEN ISADORE	LUCY-ANN MARTIN	ALYSSA TYLEE
LINDA INYALLIE	DOUGLAS PRINCE	JODIE WARE

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Cheryl Belsham

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Dear McLeod Lake Indian Band Members,

It is with honor that I accept the nomination as Trustee for the McLeod Lake Indian Band. My nomination has filled me with a strong sense of pride and I would like to thank you for the opportunity. I understand fully the responsibilities of this position and look forward to interacting with the community and representing the Band in a professional manner. I was privileged to hold a Trustee position for 2 terms, from 2005 through 2011 and have successfully completed the Accounting and Financial Planning program at Bow Valley College.

I have resided in Calgary, AB for my adult life. My mother is Eugenia Inyallee of Penticton, BC, siblings are Valerie Inglis, Rodney Inglis, Edward Belsham and Karen Newman. Sadly, Karen passed away in October 2018 and is greatly missed.

I would like to extend good luck to all nominees and sincerely wish all of you good health during the current pandemic. We are socially distant, but remain united as a community.

Respectfully,

Cheryl Belsham



2020 ELECTION - VOTE

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I am Tse'Khene and I appreciate the opportunity to serve on the Board of Trustees.

I am the daughter of Geraldine Solonas and Gordon Sebastian; the granddaughter of Sophie and Andrew Sr. Solonas. Growing up, my mom would bring her children to McLeod Lake to visit our family; it was always an adventure.

I have resided in McLeod Lake for eight years. I worked with the firewood crew and then I volunteered hours in the youth department to gain employment. I was a youth worker and then I contracted hours for the youth department. To spread kindness, I gave cards or roses to co-workers in all departments of MLIB.

I am currently enrolled in the Northwest Coast Jewellery Arts Program at the Native Education College in Vancouver. Due to the pandemic, I am in McLeod Lake and I am scheduled to complete the assignments and program by the end of May. I have completed studies in Visual Arts and Psychology.

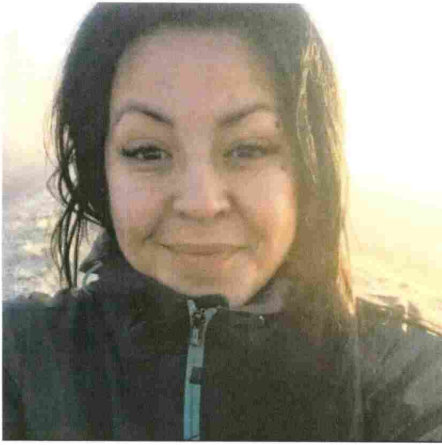
I enjoy spending time in the community. I volunteer at various activities. I have been known to gather youth to stack firewood for elders. I have used my truck to drop sand in driveways. I give the fish I catch to community members. I bring youth to the lake to swim, to the store for treats, to the pool in Mackenzie and to the movie theatre or drive-in in Prince George.

I am an advocate for families of missing and murdered Native women and men; I have spoken at public forums and to the media. I work to understand and overcome the injustices to our people in different settings.

I am passionate about our community. I share my culture through art. I am a creative problem solver and I will represent our people honestly and fairly.

**Best of luck to all the candidates in the
McLeod Lake Indian Band 2020 election.**





Eureka Carty

Board of Trustee

Tse'khene People, near and far, I hope each of you have found safe haven in troubled times. I send strength and love to you and your families. I am a descendant of the late Aschille Chingee (1918-2000), brother to the late Sam and Harry Chingee. Our family has always lived close in proximity to the McLeod Lake community, in one of the surrounding towns of Mackenzie, Chetwynd and/or Bear Lake. We are proud to live in the beauty of our homelands, enjoying what the Arctic Water shed system has to offer. The homelands for our people are like no other and doing

what we can to protect our community and its traditional territory is a priority in my heart and soul. I work as an Environmental Manager for a Wind Energy Project which provides me with knowledge of how to help safeguard the essence of our lands; the environment (plants/trees/wildlife/water/air/soil)!!

I have been a MLIB Board of Trustee for 5 terms and it's been nothing short of an honor and a privilege to work on your behalf; safe keeping our Trusts' future. The education provided in working within the Financial sector is enlightening and empowering. McLeod Lake Community has provided itself with a financial foundation that we should be proud of. We have taken into consideration our current and future generations, strategizing a balance that provides growth and value to our Nation. I am grateful to work along side 5 other members, teaching each other new perspectives in managing various trusts. Collectively we provide a unique, wholesome insight to the financial industry professionals (investment managers, lawyers, actuaries, etc.) that we are a community, we are family, we have traditional values, we have a diverse membership, we are our own small community government, and with all that we are and so much more, we want financial stability to help nurture our community into the future. Providing our community with options in health, education, business and infrastructure.

I appreciate the support you have graciously given me in my previous 5 terms and with your continued support I will ensure our Trusts' are managed with integrity, dedication and Tse'khene pride. I will continue to respect my fellow trustees and community, and further my learning in the priorities within the heart of our people. The legacy of our Trust(s) will continue to provide for the people of McLeod Lake Indian Band.



Respectfully,

Eureka Carty

JOLENE SOLONAS FOR BOARD OF TRUSTEE

Dana'chea,

My name is Jolene Solonas and I am a member of the McLeod Lake Indian Band. I am running for the Board of Trustee's in this year's election. My mother is Sharon Solonas and my grandparents are Andrew Solonas Sr. and Sophie Prince. I have a spouse with two children and live in McLeod Lake, BC.

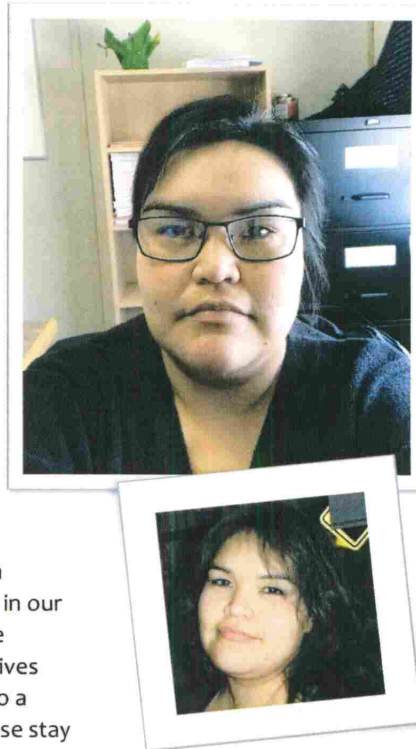
I started out in the work force doing silviculture in my teens. In 2014, I went back to school in Mackenzie at the College of New Caledonia and completed the Applied Business Technology class with my grade twelve diploma. I have over 15 years in finance, going from accounts payable, and subcontractors payable, along with data entry clerk and administrative assistant. I have a solid background working with Duz Cho Logging and MLIB over the years. In all of these different ventures, I have learned that I truly appreciate the physical as well as systematical work. My love to learn and challenge myself, gives me a sense of accomplishment and pride.

My interests are family-oriented activities such as camping, kayaking, and harvesting – fishing, hunting, canning, picking, just to name a few.

I believe that I would make a good candidate because I am ethical, sincere, honest, and caring. I have a sense of pride in our community and care for the community deeply. I am more spiritual than religious which brings me to traditions and gives me a sense of respect. With this, I believe that this leads to a happy, healthy lifestyle. I wish everyone the best and please stay safe and healthy.

Much Love to All,

Jolene Solonas



Richard Jackson

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▶ **Dear Mcleod Lake Indian Band Members**

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My name is Richard Jackson and I have recently been nominated for a trustee position in the upcoming election.

To begin with my mother is Marion Jackson, I am the second oldest of four. We are a family of hard workers and we always strive to do better. I am also a father of four and love to see them prosper into successful young adults.

It is an honor to be a candidate for trustee as my mom also was for many years. I'm still on the last bit of a 3-year term on the LMC and learned a lot and enjoyed the role. I chose trustee because I like to learn and challenge myself all the time and think I can be of help to the board.

As I continue to achieve my goals and move forward, I am excited and will do my best to do a good job on as trustee. I see many talented candidates out there and wish them the best also.

Richard Jackson

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Ken Solonas, Nominee for Board of Trustee

Danachea Tse'khene Members,

My name is Ken Solonas, eldest of 2 from Lorna Solonas, my Grandparents are Agnes & Lawrence Solonas. I am currently working for the First Nations Health Authority with a very diverse and amazing team.

Having experience in many levels of Board of Directors, with CNC Students' Union, Duz Cho Group of Companies, Tse'khene Community Development Corporation, CNC Board of Governors, BC Federation of Students, and Spirit Fit.



I have experience in hosting numerous events, bridging relationships with organizations in many industries. I've also had the privilege to work with many groups to host many human rights campaigns, marches, fundraisers, and vigils.

Having worked with McLeod Lake Indian Band in many fields and departments, it has taught me a lot and I am grateful for working with the many wonderful supervisors, leaders and peers in the time I had with them. So my heart always brings me back home, striving to continue to improve and figure out better ways not only to conduct business, but to work for the people.

I've always believed that if we work together, we can accomplish anything, so rather trying to tear each other down, let's build each other up and support each other to build a healthy and strong community for the membership as a whole.

Lastly, I thank you for the nomination and trust in me to do right for the people and future generations, your nominee for Board of Trustees.

Ken Solonas

Rodney (Rod) Inglis

Trustee Candidate

I am a proud member of the McLeod Lake Indian and I bring over thirty years of real world business experience Commercial Leasing, Business to Business Sales & Marketing, Retail Sales, Budget planning . I would be honour to service as Trustee, I have always strived to stay involved in the community in anyway possible. I live in South Surrey and this allows me to have different prospective being so removed from the community.
Thank you for your consideration.
Rod Inglis



Past Service to the McLeod Lake Indian Band

- **Housing Committee 3 Years**
- **Trustee 3 Years**
- **Board of Directors Duz Cho Group of Companies**
- **Board of Director Tse'khene Community Development Corp**
- **Board of Director Tse"khene Food and Food**

Daphne **NICOLSON**

Board of Trustee

Danach'e'a,

I want to acknowledge and thank you for the tremendous support you gave me over the last term as a member of the Board of Trustees. I'm honoured to be entrusted to represent our whole membership in a fair and equitable way. I continue to learn, accept, review and ensure the expenses our Chief and Council and the administration submit for approval are allowed expenses within our Trust. The Trust has grown exponentially during this past term thanks to responsible management and good decision-making by the Trustees, and is performing very well for our community and for our future.

I am confident in my growth in knowledge and how I have represented our membership during this last term. Ensuring the Trust money is spent in the best interests of all members continues to be my goal. I believe that being financially responsible for our membership and future generations allows us to continue to be successful.



I am the youngest daughter of Margie Chingee and B.J McKivett, granddaughter of Amelia Toodick and Samuel Chingee Sr. Wayne and I are blessed with two beautiful children, Kassia and Jake, both proud Tse'Khene. I can proudly share that I work hard and give 100%. I make sure to introduce myself and share my role as a Trustee at the Quarterly meetings I get to attend, maybe you remember me. Being a positive role model for others is incredibly important to me, especially for my children and community. I look forward to your continued support in our 2020 election.

Mussi cho
Daphne

Hello McLeod Lake Family and Members,

My name is Bonnie Tibbets (nee Solonas), daughter of Seraphine Inyallie. I would like to first extend my gratitude for being nominated for Office of Trustee position.

I live in Chilliwack, BC, I am a mother of a blended family of 5 children, 4 of whom are now adults. Growing up, I never understood the importance of understanding where I came from as I was a permanent ward of the court living in different foster homes that were non-Indigenous homes. It wasn't until McLeod Lake made contact with me and with my mother's support, that I began to realize I belonged to a community that had wonderful family whom I was connected too. Through these connections I have been able to attend annual AGA's and make real bonds and connect with my extended family members and band members.

I am currently finishing my Master of Social Work degree (MSW) through online learning with the University of Waterloo. I am beginning my last semester on May 11 and will graduate this October with my degree. I completed my Bachelor of Social Work in 2015 with a degree from the University of Dalhousie. I take pride in being a member of the McLeod Lake Indian Band and hope that as a mature student, I am able to motivate and inspire our MLIB family, members, and future generations.

The Canadian Association of Social Workers (CASW) has a code of ethics that I take seriously and ensure to apply to my everyday life and if I am voted as Office of Trustee position, I will continue to apply these ethics and values to the position I hold, including honesty, integrity, reliability, trustworthiness to name a few. Again, thank you for this wonderful opportunity and I wish all candidates the best of luck.

Bonnie Tibbets

VOTE LUCY MARTIN

BOARD OF TRUSTEE



Background

My parents are the late Lena Vallee (Inyallie) and the late Roland Vallee. I was born and raised in Prince George with my 7 siblings. I continue to live in Prince George where I am currently employed as the Indigenous Tourism Specialist with Northern BC Tourism and Indigenous Tourism BC.

I have a certificate in Engineering Graphics and Design and a Bachelor of Environmental Planning, majoring in First Nations Planning. I have experience in negotiation and public relations. I am enthusiastic, professional, and reliable.

I served as Off-Reserve Councillor for McLeod Lake Indian Band from 2002-2008, and served on the Board of Trustees from 2008-2014.

My husband, Steve, and I have two grown daughters and four grandchildren.

What Can I Do For YOU?

I am very grateful for the nomination to represent McLeod Lake Indian Band members on the Board of Trustees. It is my desire to have McLeod Lake Indian Band's trust fund continue to thrive by having a strong, knowledgeable, and dedicated Board.

I will be open and transparent and will ensure regular quarterly reports are provided to all members. I will make myself accessible and will do my best to answer any questions that you might have regarding our Band's investments. I will make certain that you will never be out of the loop.

By electing me as your Trustee representative, you will enable us to make important progress and ensure that our investments are protected. I will actively and honestly represent the interests of all McLeod Lake Indian Band members.

Final Words

I am excited for the opportunity to once again represent you on the Board of Trustees. In these uncertain times, our economic well-being is very important and it is urgent that we have knowledgeable and honest representation on our Board. A vote for me will ensure open, honest, and regular communication.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me by email at lamartinpg@gmail.com or call me at 250-963-1413.

In these past few weeks of such global uncertainty, I hope you are all well. Be safe.



**Douglas
David
Prince**

Kwan

For

Office of Trustee

I'm running for the Office of Trustee to ensure that our band's \$38 million trust is being managed properly. And that it's being managed to produce the most economic benefits with the least cost.

Since I've been away some 47 years now, having been raised by my father and grandparents in San Francisco, I'm happily married to my husband Randy Christensen. I have been re-acquainted with my mother, Mary Prince, and my living siblings Elizabeth Child and Jeremy Cayoutte just last year after losing touch for decades. I'm thrilled to be back to McLeod Lake, and thrilled to have found uncles and aunties, cousins, and nieces and nephews.

I attended the University of California at Santa Cruz where I earned a Bachelor of Arts in Sociology. After, I received a scholarship at Five Branches Institute, I attended and received my Masters of Arts in Traditional Chinese Medicine.

I have worked to attain economic security and attained the American dream. After working in high tech, now, I'm a Real Estate Broker and a Managing Director where I'm leading a real estate investment company

with assets of almost \$30 million and \$750,000 a year in revenue.

I feel that I can contribute to our people. I'm proud to be Tse'khene, Canadian and Chinese American. This trust is the culmination of all the struggles of our people since the Europeans came to, stole our lands, and now is our reclaimed legacy. And now, I want to guard it - with my life. Because for my mother and siblings, uncles and aunts, cousins, and nephews and nieces, my Tse'khene family, this trust and all our lands requires me to ensure that it provides for all of us for thousands of years into the future.

Dan'achea,

My name is Jodie Lynn Ware, I am 38 years. I am a mother, wife, sister, daughter, grand daughter and a proud member of the McLeod Lake Indian Band. I have accepted re-nomination as Board of Trustee for McLeod Lake Indian Band and have just completed two terms in this position.

This past year has been the hardest time of my life, I lost my teenage son Taylor Maximus on March 16, 2019 in a car accident. He was an organ donor and he is my hero. This loss changed my family, it has changed me. I really had to step back the last year to heal and realize what is most important and I am so glad I did. I am changed but I am strong. I have accepted re-nomination because my community is important to me and to my family.

In the last six years I have learned a lot about the Band and its finances, on where we have been, where we are today and where we are capable of going. I am grateful for the people I have met and the members I have worked alongside. We have worked well together; we have learned from each other and we are committed to our community, our people, our vision.

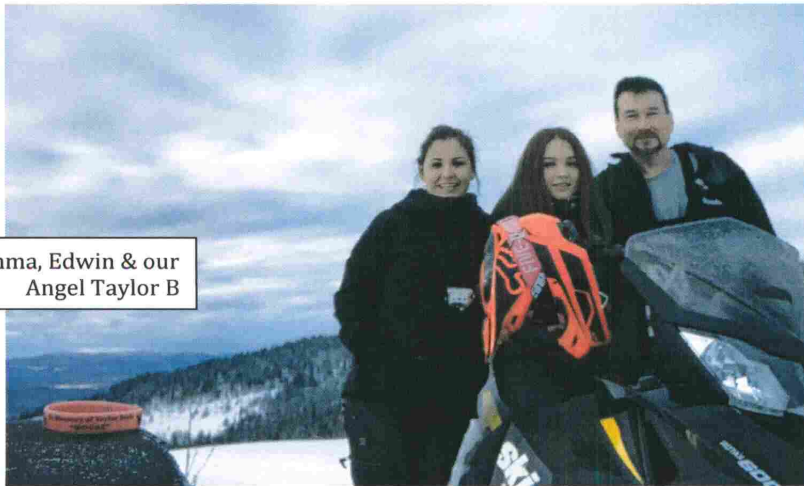
In addition, to these duties, I have worked for McLeod Lake Indian Band since early 2000. I have been in my current role since November 2006 as the Education Director. I truly love my job, I do. I have had the privilege of seeing our children grow up and become young adults. Our youth are becoming future leaders, our community is evolving and I have become stronger and more determined. I have been accepted into Thompson Rivers University – Management Program. I have started my first course this month (May 2020). I am excited for the opportunity to learn and to continue growing.

Thank you for your time and consideration during this unique time and wish all the candidates the best of luck.

Sincerely,

Jodie Ware

My Family – Me, Emma, Edwin & our
Angel Taylor B



Dan'achea! I hope that in these uncertain times, you are finding happiness, strength and most of all safety. I firstly want to address that this is a tough time and many of us may find our selves dealing with higher stress levels and uneasiness. Please know that I am always available to talk if anyone is having a tough time with the present circumstances happening through out our World.

I would like to acknowledge and express my sincere gratitude for everyone that has supported me over the past 4 terms on Council; your unwavering love and support has helped me be the best person I could be. Being a part of Council over the last 12 years has brought me knowledge, courage, love and immense respect for our Tse'khene People. Over the years I have learned so much and dedicated much of my time serving our Nation. It will be an experience that I will carry with through out the rest of my life and use in all aspects of my future. Over the years I have worked diligently helping and supporting our community, attending most (if not all) of our events here in McLeod Lake and Prince George. I have always felt that you must be physically and emotionally invested into your community and People if you want to promote positive change. Mussi cho for believing and supporting me!

This term I have decided to step back from Council and dedicate my time to the Board of Trustees. I am honored to accept the nomination for Board of Trustees, the request coming from one of the greatest women I know. Her belief in my integrity, loyalty and passion for our community speaks volumes to me and I am forever grateful to have such strong supporters standing with me. I have always enjoyed working with the Board of Trustees and have a very good understanding to the procedures and protocols they follow. I am always willing to learn new things as well as serving my People in a transparent and honorable way. I have always enjoyed working on the various and countless committees that I have been a part of over the past 12 years.

I am the grand daughter of the late Andrew Solonas Sr and the late Sophie Prince, daughter of Arlene Solonas and Brian Bear and haved lived in McLeod Lake for over 30 years. My husband and I were married in th\ie fall of 2017 and we have 3 amazing and beautiful children: Gage, Trinity and Dominic. We live a very traditional lifestyle and rely mostly on sustenance living; we are preparing to start spring foraging for plants, beavers and fish. One of my greatest joys in life are watching our up and coming generation playing an integral role in our Culture and Traditions; working to revitalize them and bring them back to our People.

I am excited for the opportunity to be a representative for the Board of Trustees. Moving through these uncertain times our Nation needs to be aware of our economic standing, ensuring we are being diligent, frugal and transparent. I will commit myself to working hard for our Nation, dedicating my voice to be one for the Nation as a whole and ensuring those that follow us will be proud to follow in our footsteps.

Mussi cho to all those that have stood before us and paved the way, giving us a stable and strong foundation to grow and prosper as a Nation, and good luck to all the candidates! To all my fellow Tse'khene People – I would not be who I am today without any of you in my life. Much love to you all!



Destiny Rae Ketlo

Courtney Cassidy for Board of Trustees



Hello, my name is Courtney Cassidy. I would like to start off by thanking you for your time and consideration for a position on the board of trustees.

I am a proud member of MLIB born and raised in Prince George BC. I am currently working as a cook in a senior home in Prince George. I am a passionate and compassionate woman who strives for awareness, healing, and equality among all peoples.

The formula is my main concern with the trust. We need to change it in order to provide more monies for our members and community. Monies need to be delegated in such a way that our families can be provided with programs and health facilities to heal our generational trauma, addictions, and mental health. We need to bring back traditional practices and healing to achieve the oneness with the land and our people, to ensure health and prosperity to our generation and generations to come. I stand for Change and equality. I want to thank you once again for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Courtney Cassidy

KANDY STOUT
TRUSTEE CANDIDATE
MCLEOD LAKE, BC



It is a great honour to accept the nomination for the Board of Trustees.

My name is Kandy Stout, and for the past 6 years I have lived in McLeod Lake and worked for the McLeod Lake Indian Band. I have two grown children and one granddaughter.

I sit on the Board of Directors for the Tse'khene Community Development Corporation & Duz Cho Group of Companies, which has provided me with tremendous experience I will be able to apply in a Trustee position.

Your Investment - Your Trust

My Beliefs, Values & Commitment to all MLIB Members:

The Trust belongs to each MLIB member including those unborn, and I will ensure you're informed of all On & Off-Reserve expenditures in an inclusive & transparent manner as you are the beneficiaries.

Keep an open-door policy encouraging ideas from our members to address & remedy the needs and wants from our membership.

Hold community engagements enabling our members the opportunity to provide direction to Chief & Council for short & long-term projects reflective of your interests and aspirations

Hold community meetings to provide information explaining how the trust works (i.e. it's terms & conditions) to seek member's input on how it can be improved to better meet the needs of our members both on & off-reserve.

will bridge our members interests with Leadership to maximize our Trust benefits for all.

Board of Trustees

Hi Everyone!

My name is Alyssa Tylee and I am 23 years old. I am the eldest daughter of Sabrina Tylee, Grand daughter of Verne Solonas and Anita Vallee, and Great granddaughter of Josephine Tylee and Max Tylee. I currently live in Kamloops, BC. and study at Thompson Rivers University's School of Business and Economics for Accounting. Before I embarked on my Post-secondary School journey, I had the privilege of working for McLeod Lake Indian Band as the Archivist. I read correspondences between lawyers for treaty negotiations, I read interview transcripts of Elders passed, and I read through the tensions and growing pains of transitions of Chiefs. From there I joined the language committee, a community development board, and attended workshops to broaden all my knowledge for our nation. This work has lit a fire in my soul, and I want to be a youth that leads by example for others.



I am great candidate for the Board of Trustees because I can apply all my knowledge from Business School, all my knowledge I have learned from the Archives, and be the voice for the Tse'Khene youth at the table. I am open to learning and gaining all the experience I can because the reality of this board is that it is only a dent of the work that I want to do for my people throughout my life.

My promise to you is that I will make responsible, educated, informed, and sustainable decisions for our Nation's Trust and for future generations to come.

It is important in times like these we remember that the unity of our people keeps us strong and to always be kind.

Mussi cho for the nomination,

Alyssa Tylee.



MAUREEN ISADORE FOR OFFICE TRUSTEE



Hello Everyone,

Thank you for the nomination for Office Trustee. I am the daughter of Zepheria (Sophie) Isadore and Ivor Smaaslet.

I currently live in Fort St. James BC with my hubby Kevin and waiting for the COVID-19 emergency to be lifted to get back to work.

I have more than 10 years experience in Band Administration, I understand all aspects of Administration. I have experience in governance training, and I do understand the roles of Chief and Council. I am honest, ethical and a hard worker.

I am a strong believer in teamwork and policies. I believe policies are there so everyone can be held accountable. Just like our Trust it must be there for our future Tse'khene people.

I think there should be more reporting on our trust, we should be updated every 3 months about the trust, mailed to all members. We should have meetings that include questions from our members, and these be sent out on the reporting. Why is our Trustees not listed on our website? How do we contact our Trustees? Why is our Trust paying Chief and Council wages? Many questions. Vote for me for Office Trustee, please everyone vote if you want a say this is the time. We have bring the Tse'khene people together so we have a say what happens with our monies.

TRUSTEE

Education

- Human Resources Management Diploma
December 2015 Ashton College
- Applied Business Technology Administrative Assistant Honors
June 2008 College of New Caledonia
- High School Diploma
June 1984 Kelly Road Secondary
- Dale Carnegie Leadership Training
- Banff Strategic Planning Seminar
- UNBC Project Management Fundamentals
- IRA Certificate
- **Trust Officer Certificate**