

November 11, 2025



To: Eligible Voters of the Snuneymuxw First Nation

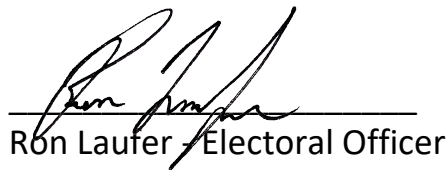
RE: **CANDIDATE LITERATURE**

Please see the campaign materials enclosed.

We have provided an opportunity for the candidates to mail campaign material to you. This mailer is being sent on behalf of the participating candidates and their participation was optional.

Candidate materials are in alphabetical order, with Councillor candidates at the start of the booklet and Trustee candidates to follow.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ron Laufer", is written over a horizontal line.

Ron Laufer - Electoral Officer

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Denean Good
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Snuneymuxw Reserve 1



Advance Poll
December 06, 2025
9-8pm
Election Day
December 13, 2025
All Voters Bring 1 Valid
Photo ID
@Snuneymuxw Gym
1145 Totem Rd
V9R 1H1

VOTE ✓ DENEAN

December 13, 2025

huychq'a for nominating me for a council position. I am deeply humbled and honoured to be a candidate.

Use your right to vote and
Elect Denean as councillor

Saturday December 13, 2025 @ SFN GYM 9-8pm

i chose to run for council because I respect our elders and I believe in women in leadership positions

What will I do for Snuneymuxw?

- ☐ I will attend the meetings.
- ☐ I can bring my perspective to the table the struggles of living off-reserve and living on reserve. We need to keep looking at what can be done to create a better future for our Snuneymuxw.
- ☐ what can my generation uphold in our community.
- ☐ maintain cultural priorities for our future economic development phases.
- ☐ I have the time, energy, and knowledge to

keep up with our current team's priorities

Not for the public's sake,

for

Snuneymuxw.

Hello my name is Lillian Glass I'm a Sneymuxx member of First Nation from Nanaimo band here I'm from the Johnny family this is my first time running for Council and all I can say is that I'm a very honest person I worked in security work uniformed and undercover for many years and I have watched Erralyn Joseph for years and I will try my best to help the people and this is my goal so please vote for me if you want an honest council member thank you very much humbly your council member, Lillian Glass.

F.Y.I. My Sister is Kay Froude and my brother is Dave Bodaly. Just passing info how I am related; Maggie James was my mother's mother's sister. My mother Bernice Bodaly her mother was Emily Johnny who married Abraham. One of their children was Elmer Johnny. My Mom Bernice was 5 Foot 10 & 1/2 inches tall, her mother Emily was 6 foot 2 inches. My wife is Cali Joy Manzevich. We met my 1st cousin, (Marie) Claria's daughter (who was looking after both her biological mom and adopted mom at the same time). Auntie Clara was 6 foot 1 inch tall as I hugged her. My mom passed over 1995, and I felt my mom Bernice hugging her older sister through me, any ways I am from a very tall wealthy family. The Johnny family once held a potlatch that lasted over 1 month. A potlatch that long has never been known to have happened again. Brother Dave is a genealogist. He has his diploma from UVic. I'm an honest person. Please vote for me Lillian Glass.



VOTE

EDWARD GOOD SR “BUNDLES”



ACCOUNTABLE
HONEST
RELIABLE
TRANSPARENT
CULTURAL

uy'skweyl, Snuneymuxw Friends and Relatives,
huychq'u for nominating me for the 2025
Snuneymuxw Election. It is truly an honour for the
trust you have placed in me and I am grateful for
the opportunity to continue serving Snuneymuxw
Nation.

After careful reflection, I have decided to keep my
name on the list for consideration as a Snuneymuxw
Councillor. My commitment to our people remains
strong. Our Snuneymuxw teachings guide me every
day—these teachings keep me grounded, humble,
and focused on what is best for Snuneymuxw, they
give me the clarity, strength, and open mind needed
to carry out this work with integrity.

I will continue to use my voice to bring forward the
concerns, questions, and ideas of our membership
to the Council table. I have no conflicts and remain
committed to good governance, accountability, and
transparency in all decisions that impact our people.

Moving forward together, as one Nation, and
making careful, well-informed decisions is essential
for the future of Snuneymuxw. I would be honoured
to have your continued support.

I'm always available to chat:



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edwardg@snuneymuxw.ca

Advance Voting Day:
06 DECEMBER 2025
Voting Day:
13 DECEMBER 2025

Uy' skweyul, enthu pe' Niq ta nuat, tu ni cun utl' Snuneymuxw, i kwum luk utl Musqueam i' Sechelt.

Good day, my name is Niq' ta naut (Wanda Good), I am Snuneymuxw and have family ties to the Musqueam and Sechelt Nations.

I am the daughter of the late Sumsul'e:cu (Peter) and Sandy, and the proud mom of Kyle, daughter-in-law Kenzie, and beautiful granddaughter Wren. I am deeply proud to be a Snuneymuxw member and to call this community my home.

In my last term, I had the honor of serving on the Housing, Health, Cultural, Administration, and Matriarchs Committees. Each of these portfolios has taught me the importance of collaboration, respect, and working together in a good way. I have learned so much through this work and continue to learn from those I walk beside every day.

Just as learning is lifelong, so is healing. I currently oversee programming at Orca Lelum Wellness Society, supporting our youth ages 12 to 18 on their healing journey. The work is not easy, but it is deeply rewarding and fills my heart with hope for the future.

There are so many amazing things happening for Snuneymuxw, and I would love to continue being part of these exciting ventures. I think often of my granddaughter Wren and the future that awaits her and her children. We are making great economic moves for Snuneymuxw and that is truly something to celebrate.

If re-elected, it would be an honor to continue serving our people and Nation. I will stay true to my personal values of respect, integrity, compassion, empathy, growth, and learning — and, most importantly, to family, community, and relationships.

Together, we can continue to move forward and upward in a good way.

Huy ch 'q'a!

Niq' ta naut

Wanda L. Good

250 668-9541

RE-ELECT ERRALYN JOSEPH



**Leadership and
community working
together, with one
heart and one mind.**

VOTING INFORMATION

Re-elect Erralyn Joseph
Councillor, Snuneymuxw First Nation

ADVANCED VOTING

Date: December 6, 2025
Time: 9:00 AM – 8:00 PM

ELECTION DAY

December 13, 2025
Time: 9:00 AM – 8:00 PM

Location: Snuneymuxw Gym
1145 Totem Road

ONLINE VOTING - STAY TUNED FOR INFO



HONOURED TO SERVE YOU

I am currently 39 years old, married to Joshua Joseph SR and together we have three kids, Joshua JR, Lizzie and Hunter. My father is John Thomas and my mother is Maureen Thomas.

My late maternal grandparents are Catherine and Tony Williams. My late paternal grandparents are Oscar Thomas and Phyliss Wyse.

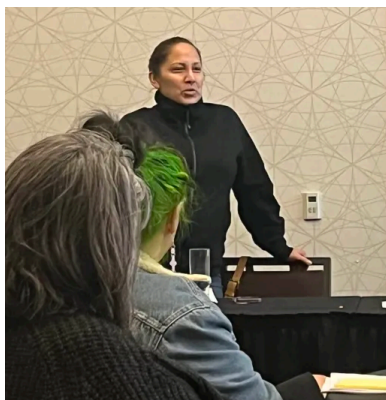


I'm honoured to serve as your Snuneymuxw Councillor and deeply grateful for your trust and confidence.

I HUMBLY ASK FOR YOUR VOTE.

As Councillor, President of Petroglyph Development Group, and Assistant Negotiator for Snuneymuxw, I'm dedicated to advancing Snuneymuxw rights and title, Snuneymuxw economic independence and strong Snuneymuxw governance.

**I'm committed to
strengthening our Nation
for generations to come.**
Together, anything is possible!



ADVANCING STRONG GOVERNANCE

Leadership and community working together, with one heart and one mind.

Unity of leadership at the Chief and Council level helps our Nation focus on achieving what matters most to you and our community.

The Thlap'Qwum Community Trust and Petroglyph Development Group play key governing roles for our community, ensuring transparent management of Nation assets and strong returns that support Snuneymuxw People.

STRONG SNUNEYMUXW ECONOMY

- **More Homes for Families:** New housing projects make it possible for more Snuneymuxw families to return home.
- **Investing in Our People:** Expanding health services and supporting education, employment, and training strengthen our Nation.
- **Protecting Culture and Language:** Advancing Snuneymuxw teachings ensures our way of life continues for future generations.
- **Growing Our Economy:** Expanding in gaming, real estate, and other ventures builds financial independence and lasting benefits for our People.

SNUNEYMUXW TREATY OF 1854

Implementing our Treaty continues the big work of our Ancestors. Strengthening and reinforcing Treaty relationships with governments, business, and industry ensures Snuneymuxw is recognized.

- **Land back:** the return of our te'tuxwtun and sxiwayxum lands from the Crown help restore and transform our Nation
- **Economic Benefit Agreements:** Secured with the Nanaimo Port Authority, Hullo Ferries, and the Nanaimo Airport Commission. More to come!
- **Ensuring Snuneymuxw has a seat at the economic table.**

✉ Erralyn@snuneymuxw.ca

☎ 250-740-1654



Re-Elect

EMMY (EMILY) MANSON

Heartfelt Leadership for Our Nation's Future

TOGETHER WE ARE STRONGER

It has truly been a joy and an honour to serve the wonderful people of Snuneymuxw over the past two terms. My commitment is to lead with kindness, integrity, and care—always putting our community first, whether you live close to home or far away. As both a grandmother and mother, I feel a deep sense of responsibility to honour our ancestors and help shape a bright future for generations to come. My hope is to build a strong, healthy, and thriving Snuneymuxw Nation, celebrating our traditions while welcoming new opportunities for all.

EXPERIENCE AND LEADERSHIP

I am grateful for the chance to bring my Master's Degree in Social Work and many years of experience in healing, community development, and leadership to this important role. Working closely with neighbouring Nations, health authorities, and community organizations, I've helped strengthen Indigenous-led systems of care. People know me for my collaborative spirit, honest approach, and ability to blend traditional wisdom with effective governance. I believe in unity, respect, and working together for our shared goals. Thanks to Team Snuneymuxw, we've made meaningful progress for everyone.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Expanded supports for families, elders, and youth
- Improved housing, education, and health services
- Built stronger accountability and community partnerships
- Encouraged collaboration rooted in our Snuneymuxw values.

LOOKING AHEAD: MY COMMITMENTS

I am dedicated to focusing on these priorities:

- Health: Holistic, accessible care for everyone
- Education: Lifelong learning opportunities for all ages
- Housing: Safe, sustainable, and culturally meaningful homes
- Economic Growth: Good jobs and lasting prosperity for our Nation

I promise to keep showing up every day, doing my best for our people and our shared responsibilities as leaders.

MOVING FORWARD TOGETHER

With caring, courage, and the wisdom of our ancestors to guide us, I warmly invite you to join me on our ongoing journey. Let's build on our strengths, support one another, and create the future we all deserve.

CONTACT

Re-Elect Emmy Manson

Heartfelt Leadership for All Snuneymuxw Citizens

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SOCIAL MEDIA

Facebook

Emmy (Emily) Manson for SFN Councillor





My name is Charlene Paul (Selp'in) and I am a candidate that has been nominated for council. I am humbled and truly honored and I have accepted my nomination.

My grandparents are late Josephine and George Good. My parents are Gayle (Good) White and late Stan Paul. I'm a single parent of four children, as a single parent I continued my education journey to obtain my Diploma in Early Childhood Education (ECE) Infant toddler / special needs/ toddler educator at Vancouver Island University (VIU). I also participated in many workshops in rejuvenating our identity as first nations people, building on our strengths to implement culture and traditions at an early age with strong beliefs in restoring our culture. I have worked in our Snuneymuxw daycare from 1999- 2011. I'm now currently employed with Snuneymuxw First Nation Social Development department since 2016 to present 2025 and I enjoy working with our elder's, and community members.

I cannot express more; how important it is to our community that we believe in our future generations.

Throughout my life we have experienced a lot of challenges within our governing structure, and I know in my heart with your support we can make a positive change for our community to grow collectively, respectfully, with loyal leadership this is what I am prepared to bring to our community members loyalty and dedication for our people to ensure we all have an equal and honorable voice.

I will promise you that I will do my utmost best in every possible way that I can to seek direction from our membership and I will do my very best to make the positive changes needed for our nation.

Thank you for your support Snuneymuxw members

Good luck to all the running candidates

Early Voting Day Dec.6, 2025, Main Voting Day Dec.13, 2025

TOM SIMPSON

Current financial reporting requirements/practice with Chief & Council and PDG:

- PDG **is not legally required** to report with consolidated, audited financial statements to membership as it is classified as a “closely held” corporation (one shareholder).
- C&C has **no current legal obligation** to report “own source revenues” to membership

As a result, *a voluntary and selective practice* is being utilized for reporting PDG matters. The current reporting practice of making overly broad statements is misleading and inappropriate due to their lack of substantive detail. **The official narrative is far from complete.**

The narrow legal perspective that permits this non-GAAP reporting for PDG *must be and can be* addressed via our own constitution. Compliance with GAAP reporting with C&C is also critically important.

Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP, partial list)

- **Transparency:** GAAP ensures *full* disclosure of relevant financial details, *which promotes transparency* and helps stakeholders have confidence in the reported information.
- **Audit framework:** GAAP provides auditors with a *standardized framework* to follow, ensuring that financial statements are prepared and presented fairly and accurately.
- **Reduced risk:** Adhering to GAAP helps *reduce the risk of data misrepresentation and fraud* by providing a transparent and accountable reporting structure.

Due to current non-GAAP reporting practice we have no voice

- **We can change this by creating and implementing our own constitution - laws for us, by us.** Supreme laws of our nation that will bind current **and all future** Councils.
- This will take some time to create and implement.
- *In the interim* we need strong and clear policy that will *address the reporting issue(s)*.
- Membership must assert its voice as *the owners of PDG as per our Snawayalth*

This leads to two questions for current Board of Directors (C&C):

1. When are we going to have an AGM for PDG in which **consolidated, audited** financial statements will be presented to membership?
2. How will we allocate PDG profits? How much to:
 - (1) Reinvestment in PDG?
 - (2) community projects?
 - (3) distribution to membership?

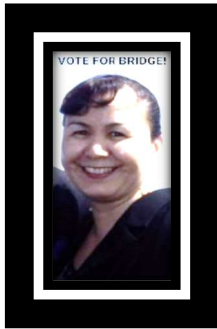
Implementing our own constitution will provide our voice with proper standing; compliance with GAAP will properly structure PDG financial reporting as well as C&C's, thereby further strengthening our voice.

hay cep qa'
Tom Simpson
Candidate for Council

For further introductory information regarding “What is a constitution?” and “why do we need a constitution?” or more about PDG's legal reality regarding financial reporting, please pm message me at facebook.com/tom.simpson.5661 or email me at simpsontg@gmail.com

VOTE FOR BRIDGET WHITE

SNUNEYMUXW COUNCIL CANDIDATE



E:nthu pe' Tsumpt ki num aut!

I am honoured to be a candidate for Snuneymuxw Council. For those that don't know me, my father is Late Herman White Sr., my paternal grandparents are late Chief Edison White (Snuneymuxw) & late Evelyn White (nee Williams) (Cowichan). My mother is Doris Sagutch (nee Good), and Maternal grandparents Late Stanley Michell (Chehalis) and Late Hazel Good (Snuneymuxw).

I thank our past and present Band Councilor's for their utmost challenging work in the successful and outstanding recent accomplishments. I plan to work as a team with the present councilors of the day and community members.

Being a Band Councilor is important work! What brought me to this point of wanting a seat is I strongly believe I will do a fantastic job dealing with political issues in our nation and serving the needs of our community. I would like to ensure that the government is meeting the needs of our people. It is important to hear all points of view and meet the best interests of Snuneymuxw. My reason for running for council is to strengthen our nation with a sincere desire to improve the quality of community life, and to be fair, open, and accountable.

My work experience in our community showed me that there are several gaps in the services offered for our people. The programs & services need to change with the needs of our community such as Elders support, Youth support, and Persons with Disabilities services. Programs that are offered by the BC Province are not offered to our people on-reserve. I want to be able to help make changes for the betterment of our people.

WHY AM I THE RIGHT PERSON FOR THE COUNCIL SEAT? I am supportive and trustworthy. I went to university, completed my Social Service Diploma and am Third Year Standing to complete a B.A. Degree, and took important courses such as sociology, First Nations History, Philosophy: Ethics, Business & Technical writing, Criminology, Conflict Resolution in Criminal Justice System, Public Speaking, and Social Welfare in Canada to name a few.

I am presently the **Membership Registration Administrator** and am happy to help you, so please see me at the Band Administration Office. Beforehand I worked as **Band Social Development Worker** and helped over 45 members get on Disability. I was **Health receptionist** for 2 yrs., **Community Health Representative** 8 yrs. and helped implement "Elders Wellness drop-in", **Inter-tribal Health Nurse Admin.** 2 yrs., and **Snuneymuxw Social Development Admin/Band Social Development Worker** for 6 years. I worked for "Union of BC Indian Chiefs" as a young lady and learned about Self-governance, duty to consult, third party effects, and also research skills.

Looking to the future... Our Council and Snuneymuxw members will get there together! Education in all areas is a priority! I am willing and ready to learn and hear from the present Council, our knowledgeable respected Elders and Community members!

Hychqa' Siem,

Tsumpt ki num aut.... Bridget N. White, Snuneymuxw Council Candidate

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Joseph White Jr.

My name is Joseph White Jr, some of Joseph and Eleanor White, grandson of George and Isabella White and Stan and Catherine James. I am running for council once again and would love to serve our great nation again. thank you for your consideration.



VOTE John White

For Council
December
13/25

Advance Vote
December 06/2025

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Snuneymuxw Election 2025

UY'SKWEYUL,

My name is **John L. White**, proud son of Debbie White and the late Ronnie White, and grandson of the late Reginald and Rena White. My roots run deep in Snuneymuxw, shaped by the teachings, strength, and cultural values passed down through my family. I have lived most of my life in and around our beautiful Territory, spending my youth harvesting on the lands and waters that have sustained our people since time immemorial. These experiences taught me humility, responsibility, and respect values I carry proudly into my work.

Leadership & Service

I have worked tirelessly to protect Snuneymuxw Rights, Title, and Treaty responsibilities, while ensuring our teachings guide every decision.

My work includes:

- Strengthening and upholding the **Sarlequun Snuneymuxw Treaty of 1854**
- Leading stewardship and environmental protection efforts
- Supporting economic development and strategic partnerships
- Advancing Reconciliation and long-term financial prosperity
- Protecting our lands, waters, and future generations

I remain committed to leading with integrity, clarity, and purpose.

Commitment to Youth & Community

Beyond my role, I coach youth basketball, sharing lessons of teamwork, discipline, leadership, and confidence. I live a healthy lifestyle and believe strongly in giving back to our youth, Elders, families, and Nation.

My Promise

I believe in Snuneymuxw. Our people, our culture, and our ancestors' vision. If elected, I will listen, learn, and work alongside our community to build a strong, resilient, and prosperous future for all.

Sincerely,
John L. White

Sheila M. White, Yaatqumaat



Proud Member of Snuneymuxw First Nation

Family

Granddaughter of George and Bella White, and Stan and Catherine James

Daughter of Joe and Eleanor White

Mother to Chanttel, Robert, and Aarron; Grandmother to Connor, Daniel, and Benson

Beliefs

Sheila brings over 30 years of Leadership experience rooted in Cultural values and a deep commitment to empowering Snuneymuxw membership; spanning Project management, Healthcare, Post-secondary education, Oil and Gas Industry, Employment and Training programs, Healing programs and Community Development

Experience

Sheila has successfully designed, managed, and delivered impactful programs connecting youth, employers, trainers, and educational institutes, helping create lasting positive change for Indigenous communities. Her leadership is guided by Snuw'uy'ulh and a belief in building holistic pathways that strengthen each person with confidence, education, and career readiness. As a Board Member with the Nanaimo Youth Services Association, Sheila will continue to advocate for Snuneymuxw youth, as well as building partnerships to bring programs into Snuneymuxw Community ensuring they all have the supports and opportunities to thrive.

Commitment

Her vision is to move the Nation forward *in a good way*, blending traditional teachings with innovative leadership and collaboration across sectors.

Huy tseep q'u

Strong leadership with proven, impactful results

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Lyle Ahenakew for Trustee Thlap'qwum Community Settlement Trust

My name is **Lyle Ahenakew**, proud son of **Karen Wyse** and grandson of Patricia Wyse and **late Bill Wyse**. I was **born and raised in the Snuneymuxw community**, and I'm honoured to be nominated for **Community Trustee** for the **Thlap'qwum Community Settlement Trust**.

In my work related to engineering, I manage **budgets, funding, and long-term projects**, skills that closely align

with the financial oversight and planning required for this role.

As a **father of three young Snuneymuxw daughters**, I care deeply about our Nation's **future generations**. I believe in **transparency, accountability, and long-term thinking** to ensure that the Trust continues to benefit our people for years to come.

I would be honoured to earn your support on **Election Day, December 13, 2025**, at the **Snuneymuxw Gymnasium**.

If you have any questions or would like to learn more about my goals or experience, please don't hesitate to reach out. I'm always happy to discuss and listen.

Learn more about the Trust here: <https://www.snuneymuxw.ca/thlapqwum-trust>

Noel Brown

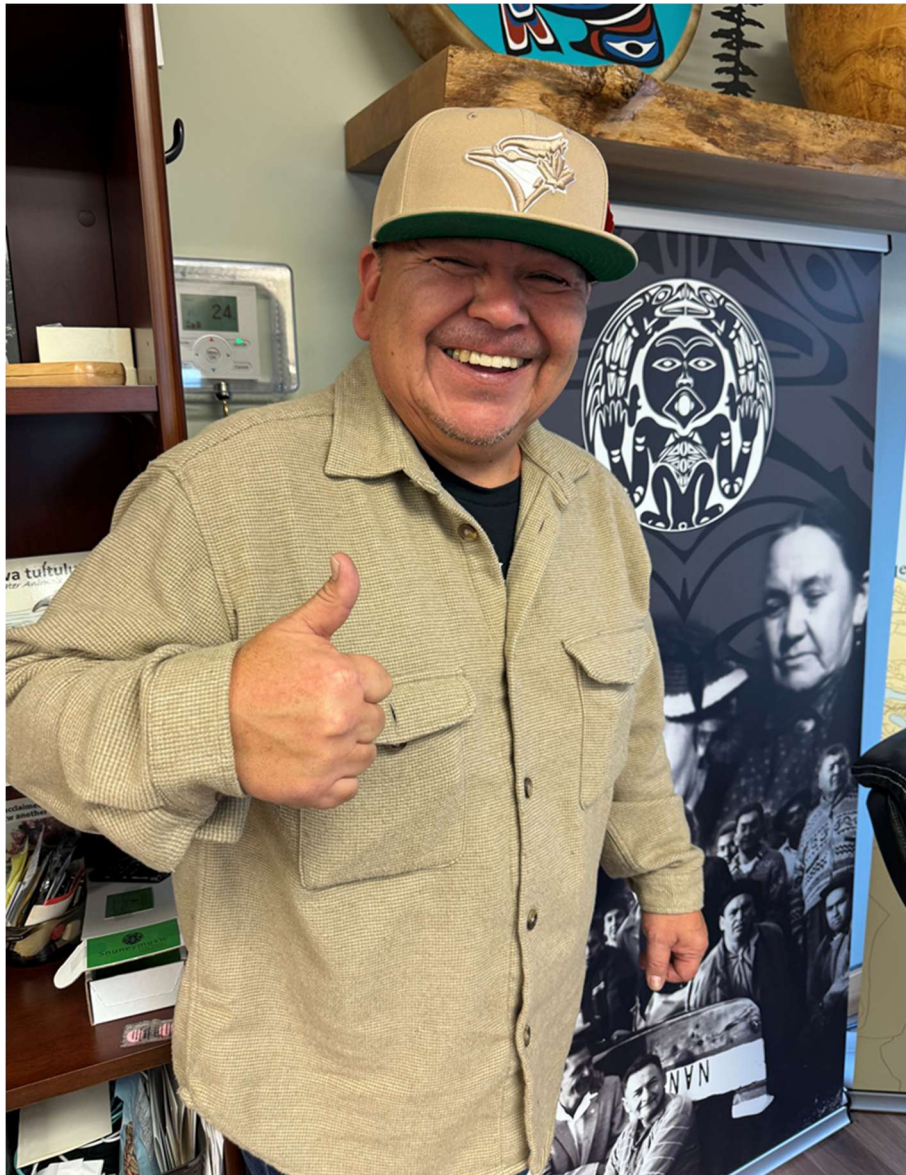
Noel is a member of the Snuneymuxw First Nation and has been carving since 1995. Both of his grandfathers were good carvers.

Noel's family has a strong artistic background and he has been interested and exposed to art all his life.

Noel's father Jerry Brown is a hulkwminum language teacher and shares his teachings and advice with him.

Noel works in many art forms – wood, metal, ceramic and jewellery. He is currently mentoring his youngest son in the art.

Noel has served as a community Thlap'qwum Trustee for the past 2 years and would like to carry forward the great work.





My name is Anna Paul (Celes) and I am a candidate that has been nominated for Trustee on reserve. I am honored and I have accepted my nomination.

My grandparents are late Josephine Good and George Good. My parents are Gayle (Good) White and late Stan Paul. I am a gifted parent of two children Kasey Wyse and Memphis Wyse. Since the age of fifteen I have actively participated in war canoe racing and soccer. I was blessed to have my son and nephews talented in the creator's game of lacrosse. I have obtained my commercial accounting certificate.

My past employment consists of ten years with Snuneymuxw Housing. My experience consists of research, bridging the gap with members, and I enjoy working with our people.

I strongly believe in our future generations. I am prepared to bring to our community loyalty and dedication for our people. **Thank Snuneymuxw for your support.**

Margaret White – Candidate for Trustee

Introduction

I am deeply honored to have been nominated for a Trustee Position and am excited for the opportunity to serve the Snuneymuxw community once again.

Experience and Service

I previously served on Council for one term and bring approximately 28 years of work experience dedicated to the Snuneymuxw in administration, finance, and social services. My career includes overseeing Aboriginal Health programs at Tillicum Haus for four years and serving as Finance Manager for the Hul'qumi'num Treaty Office for 16 years. Additionally, I participated on the Trustee Committee during its inaugural term.

Skills and Qualifications

My extensive background and expertise in finance make me confident that I would be an asset to the Trustee Committee. Alongside my professional experience, I have actively volunteered in support of our youth, organizing and managing fundraising events as well as sports activities including basketball, soccer, and lacrosse. I have personally played these sports, as well as canoe pulling and softball.

On the academic front, I hold a Business Management Diploma from Vancouver Island University and am a retired Certified Aboriginal Finance Officer with AFOABC & AFOA Canada.

Personal Commitment

I cherish spending time with my family, which includes five children, ten grandchildren, and three great grandchildren. I also enjoy reading in my spare time. My dedication to the community has always been unwavering, and I consider myself an honest and reliable individual. I would fully commit myself to the responsibilities of the Committee.

Conclusion

Thank you for considering me for the Trustee position. I am eager to contribute positively to our community's future.



Sunny Oreiro Granbois for Non Resident Trustee

Hello to my fellow members of our Snuneymuxw Nation,

Thank you for the opportunity to run for non Resident Trustee. My name is Sunny Oreiro Granbois. I am the daughter of Huntsteelum John “JR” Oreiro and the granddaughter of Martha Wyse. I live in Lynnwood, Washington with my husband, Jeff, and our three children—Ella (13) and our twin boys, John and Calvin (11).

As many of you know, my dad passed away this September. He was deeply dedicated to our Nation, and his example has always inspired me. I am incredibly proud of all that our Nation has accomplished and grateful for the work our Council continues to do on our behalf.

I am running to serve as a Non-Resident Trustee because I want to give back to our people and take an active role in shaping what we build for the generations to come—our children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. I want to help protect and strengthen the legacy our ancestors worked so hard to preserve.

Professionally, I have spent over 20 years in the telecommunications industry, with experience in program management, account management, and overseeing complex business operations. I believe these skills, combined with my dedication to our community, will allow me to contribute in a meaningful and dependable way.

Thank you for your consideration. It would be an honor to represent you and serve our Nation.



Thlap'qwum Trustee Position



My traditional name is Cye shie shuma, my english name is Ashley Morris,. I am a proud member of the Snuneymuxw First Nation, I come from a family rooted in community, language and culture. My parents are Jamie and Nancy Seward, and my grandparents are Patricia and the late William Wyse, Irene Seward, Penny Seward, and the late Bill Seward.

I am the Executive Director of NiLtu,o Child and Family Services in Victoria, I hold a Bachelor's degree in Social Work from University of Victoria, with a specialization in Indigenous child welfare. My passion lies in supporting families to stay connected and together, grounded in their culture. I am dedicated to preserving Indigenous ways of knowing and being, fostering strong roots and cultural resilience within my community.



CRYSTAL WHITE

Community Profile for Thlap'Quam Community Trustee

Bringing Heart and Dedication to Snuneymuxw First Nation

Introduction

Crystal White, whose traditional name is **La-Ha**, is a proud and dedicated member of the Snuneymuxw First Nation, born and raised on IR #1. She is the daughter of Gayle White (née Good) and Edison White, and the granddaughter of the late George and Josephine Good (née Cunningham/Williams), as well as the late Edison and Evelyn White (née Williams). Crystal and her partner of almost ten years, Neil Pomeroy, make their home in Campbell River on North Vancouver Island, where they are raising their young daughter Evelyn, with her family expected to grow in the near future.

Education and Experience

Crystal is in her second year of the Social Work program at North Island College, where she is passionate about learning how to support healthy, thriving communities—especially in the areas of community development, health and wellness, and mental health. Her studies are inspired by her desire to uplift and empower others.

Crystal brings more than eight years of hands-on experience from Kw'umut Lelum Child and Family Services, where she worked in various Administrative Support roles. In these positions, she learned the importance of flexibility, organization, and aligning business practices with community priorities.

Leadership and Community Involvement

Since March 2023, Crystal has had the honour of serving on the Board of Directors for the Restorative Community Health Society, a non-profit dedicated to making counselling services more accessible. In this role, Crystal was committed to collaboration, health, equity and community well-being.

Crystal is passionate about supporting youth. Through coaching with Hope and Health for Life and Salish Storm Hockey—both organizations that give Indigenous children and youth the chance to grow through sport—she has helped build confidence, resilience, and a sense of belonging.

Guided by Culture and Vision

Crystal's leadership is shaped by her cultural teachings and a heartfelt commitment to her people. She believes that leadership should always be transparent, accountable, and culturally grounded. Crystal is excited about supporting the continued growth of Snuneymuxw's businesses and services, making sure they reflect the values, strengths, and long-term vision of the community.

Why I'm Running for Community Trustee

"I'm running to serve our community in a positive and collaborative way, to ensure the long term advancement of our people. My goal is to help build a future where our Nation thrives—socially, economically, and culturally—with unity, respect, and a shared sense of purpose at the heart of every decision."