

Candidate Profile for Chief Lenora Joe Sechelt, BC

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Ihen tan Delores Joe
Ihen sila Yalxwemult, Mary Martha Joe
che sila skektsap-shin, Ernest Phillip Joe
te stutul te mayukw

Lenora began her career as an employment officer with Service Canada from 1980-86. In 1986, Lenora returned to Capilano University and registered in Business Management. In 1987 Lenora was elected to office as a Council member for the shíshálh Nation from 1987-89. During this time Lenora also was elected to the Board of School Trustees from 1988-93. In 1991 Lenora returned to the Nation as the Home School Coordinator, soon after Lenora was asked to take over the Post Secondary Coordinator role as well. Throughout Lenora's time with the Nation from 1991 – 1998 her role evolved into the Education Director, which included Post Secondary, Employment and Training, Culture and Language and Recreation. In 1998 Lenora chose to try out entrepreneurship and became self-employed as the owner operator of the Petro Canada Gas Station for two years. After this time Lenora was asked to return to the Education Director position with the Nation in 2001 where she continued through to 2018.

Lenora retired in 2018, however this did not last long as organizations began to reach out and the BC Aboriginal Childcare Society recruited Lenora for a role that would assist Aboriginal Childcare programs throughout BC as a Regional Community Capacity Developer.

Over the last 30 years Lenora has worked very closely with the community, leadership, and government organizations and colleges to ensure that our children's and parent's voices were being heard and respected. During her time with the nation Lenora has sat on various committee's from Finance, Policy and Procedure Development, HR Committee, Community Engagement, Culture and Language.

My passion is for the community and the future generations that don't have a voice yet. My reason to run for Chief is to ensure the stability, accountability and financial security of the Nation. In order to reach these goals we must update the shíshálh Nation Constitution first as this is the foundation of our nation. By updating the Constitution we can ensure that the future generations are protected and looked after. If we have a strong Constitution it will guide our leadership in the direction that the people want to go. We will be protected because it is the people who will decide how the Leadership is governed.

Another passion is Education, because without knowledge we cannot move forward. We need to work with the community to build a strong succession plan for our future generation and ensure that our members are holding the top positions within our nation. This needs to start from a very young age and carry through to University and Trades. Culture and

Language is just as important, however we can not move forward unless we work with Elders and community members to revive this.

?ul numsh chalap, te ewk mes swiyaya I hope you consider my knowledge, respect and love for our community when casting your vote.