

**Candidate Profile for Chief
Nievelina Carmona
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About me:

I am married to my high school sweetheart George Guss from the Squamish Nation. We have two beautiful twin daughters Luna and Nova. My mother is Missy Joe, and I have three younger siblings Estelle, Isaac and Emma. My grandparents are Solomon TB Dixon and Viola Thompson. My great grandparents are Patrick Henry Thompson and Mary Sumas (Lewis)

I grew up in Sechelt but left briefly to gain experience and work for other First Nations communities like Squamish Nation, Sto:lo Nation and Seabird Island Band. Currently, I am a shíshálh Nation Human Resources manager. My role focuses on recruitment, benefits, training and development as well as handling any internal issues. One of the major successes of the department this year was an increase of nation members hired or moving into higher-paying jobs.

Educational background:

Over the last decade, I have been putting myself through classes at the British Columbia Institute of Technology and have completed the 18 of 21 courses toward the Certificate of Human Resources management. Currently, I am on track to complete my diploma program in Indigenous Community Development and Governance through the University of Victoria.

Why I want to run for the chief position.

I am running for chief and would like to ask for your support because I have a vision for a formed and unified community. I know this is a big step and understand it is a difficult job, but with the support of the community, council and staff, we can work towards a stronger government and a new way of doing things. I will bring a different energy and viewpoint and experience.

I want to lead, not because it's a dominant position, but rather I can affect the most change. The voices of our people should be heard.

Commitments to you

I commit to you that I will listen to understand, ask questions when I don't understand something. I will strive to keep you informed and ensure you understand before we make important decisions. If needed, we will slow down and we will get this right to ensure we all understand what is happening and how it impacts our community.

If you need to reach me please visit my Facebook page, *Vote Nievelina for Chief* or you can reach me by email at nievelina16@gmail.com or on my cell at 604-619-3537

Thank you,

Nivelina Carmona