

Candidates Statements

As there were only four people nominated for the six seats in the Yuutu?it?ath Government Legislature, the following candidates for Member of the Legislature have been declared elected by acclamation.

Each candidate submitted a Statement of Motivation and these statements are attached for the information of Yuutu?it?ath citizens



Mastrangelo, Levana



Touchie, Asya



Touchie, Gert



Touchie, Lorri



Kit Spence, Chief Electoral Officer
Yuutu?it?ath Government



The stream of Lost Shoe Creek that meet the coastal waters of Florencia Bay beach.

Career in Indigenous Relations & Indigenous Governance

My experience working towards resurgence of Indigenous Law, First Nation Governments, Indigenous Stewards of the Lands & coastal waters, and pathways to better education & opportunities.

- 2021 – 2022, a citizen member, Board of Director, to the Yuułuʔiłʔatḥ Holdings Board for the Economic Development Committee.
- 2022- current, a citizen member, Board of Director, of the Yuułuʔiłʔatḥ Operating board that oversees Yuułuʔiłʔatḥ Nation Business.
- 2022- current, Vice President, BOD, helping found the Kurt Grinnell Aquaculture Scholarship Foundation, reaching Indigenous students across North America.
- 2020-current. Board of Director, for the BC Centre of Aquatic Health Sciences Society. Transitioning the board to regional representation of First Nation leaders creating more pathways to Indigenous stewardship and conservation.
- 2019- 2023, Senior Reconciliation Advisor for Corporate relations with First Nation governments in Aquaculture.

Self - Identifications & Determinations

Hello Yuułuʔiłʔatḥ Citizens,

My name is Levana Mastrangelo, I am a proud Yuułuʔiłʔatḥ citizen, committed and passionate to enhancing and protecting our Treaty Rights & Title.

I am one of the Granddaughters from Johnson McCarthy, and a daughter of Lisa McCarthy. I was born in Campbell River and am fortunate to have expanded my education and career throughout Vancouver Island.

My Career is built on 9-years of post-secondary education in Biological Sciences (*North Island College and the University of Victoria*), and 8-years of Indigenous Relations & First Nations Governance experience (*Provincial, Federal, corporate and with Yuułuʔiłʔatḥ Government*).



**Levana Mastrangelo for
Legislature
Campbell River, BC
Vancouver Island**



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for
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**Yuułuʔiłʔatḥ Government
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Equal rights to Employment opportunities

Contributing to an effective recruitment and retention strategy, for employment and training with Yuułuʔiłʔatḥ Government and Yuułuʔiłʔatḥ Businesses. This includes the formation of agreements with local businesses and developers engaging with our treaty settlement lands and Maa-nulth Treaty Rights.

- “The right to equal employment opportunities within Yuułuʔiłʔatḥ institutions.”

Commitment to our Constitution

Listen and Team Building

Listen to our citizens and ensure that all voices are acknowledged throughout the processes of development to our economy and community.

- “The right to express opinions and views on Yuułuʔiłʔatḥ affairs.”

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Thank you and until next time.

“Exercising and Enhancing inherent rights of our Constitution and Maa-nulth Treaty.”

Protecting our Lands & Coastal waters

To contribute my knowledge and experience from implementing and developing Indigenous Monitoring and Inspection Plans, that respect and identify our evolving ecosystems to our lands and waters. - “The freedom to contribute to the progress and development of Yuułuʔiłʔatḥ.”



The University of Victoria supported Levana with the President's Excellence Award for the Aboriginal STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) Outreach Program.

While completing my Bachelor of Science in Microbiology and Biochemistry I also helped co-develop and implement the University's STEM outreach program to reach more indigenous youth across Vancouver Island. The program was identified by ACTUA to use as a regional model for building relations with First Nations communities across BC. The program reached children and youth from kindergarten to grade seven, connecting and introducing children to the University of Victoria to build on teaching of science, technology, engineering and math.

- “The freedom to achieve their fullest potential as individuals.”

A portrait of Asya Touchie, a woman with dark, wavy hair, smiling. She is wearing a black blazer over a red top. The background is a scenic view of a coastline with a forested hillside, a rocky shore, and waves crashing against the rocks under a cloudy sky.

**2023
Yuutu?it?ath
Election**

**VOTE FOR
WHAT YOU
VALUE**

VOTE



ASYA TOUCHIE

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FOR LEGISLATURE

Serving as your Legislator over the last 9 months has been an honour. It is my privilege to ask you once again to **join me in preserving the promise of our treaty and our nationhood, restoring hope to citizens who feel forgotten and reclaiming the bright future that our children and grandchildren are entitled to.** The last 9 months were proof that we can only accomplish this change by working together and by electing Legislators who are committed to reform. I have faced opposition consistently at the Legislature in my attempts to promote transparency, accountability and as I brought forward issues raised by citizens. **For us to succeed, we need a change in government,** we need to establish an Executive that is committed to these principles, and we need to restore confidence and hope for a generation of citizens ready for change. We deserve prosperity and equality, and in this election, we'll make it happen together.

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●●●●●●●●●● **BUILDING A NEW GOVERNMENT.**

With your help, we are not only going to bring about a change in government; we are going to transform our nation for all Yuułu?it?ath. Together we will say loudly that our government is not driven by division, greed or secrecy; but by justice, equality and openness. **Any candidate could spend their campaign complaining about their opponents, but we are not going to get positive change by only singling out the failure of previous and current leadership.** For transformational change, we need to confront the issues directly; adapt, innovate, communicate and pull together to make big things happen. **The simple truth is this, to make our government succeed, we need two things: to believe in a better future and to do our part to make that future a reality.** I'm ready to start; let's get to work.

PRIORITIZING OUR PEOPLE. ●●●●●●●●●●

Protecting our Democracy

We need to **improve transparency** on conflicts of interest, make **meaningful engagement** the standard and **empower the Assembly** to challenge government.

Security for Families

Our families need support; we should **subsidize childcare costs for families wherever they live** and do **outreach as citizens navigate the healthcare system.**

Equality in Education

To reach a secondary school completion rate equal to BC, we must do **extensive outreach to students** and provide **funds for extracurricular activities.**

Grow our Economy

Citizens deserve equal access to income, employment and housing. **It's time to market our lands to attract investment;** bringing jobs, housing and prosperity.

●●●●●●●●●● **HOW I GOT HERE.**

My father, Matt Touchie Sr., is a Yuułu?it?ath survivor of the Alberni Indian Residential School, and my grandparents are Edith Touchie and Matt Brown. My mother, Leah Golling, is a survivor of the 60's Scoop. I grew up in Nanaimo and lived in Port Alberni, Victoria, the lower mainland and Hita'cu. I have a Bachelor of Child and Youth Care and a Master of Public Administration. I have worked for our government, provincial agencies and in post-secondary schools for the past several years. I currently live and work in Calgary with my husband and daughter. **I know the challenges our families face, I have the tools to raise your voice at the Legislature, and I have a proven track record of engaging with citizens to find practical, collaborative solutions.**

GERT TOUCHIE

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MARCH 31, 2023

LETTER OF ACCEPTANCE FOR

NOMINATION

I would like to provide my letter of acceptance for nomination.

I have been monitoring our Nation deliverables for our community service, since we became self sufficient in our Treaty.

For the most part, become curious as to how decisions have been made within the business.

I would like to be able to help improve on work that has been set to date. I believe a fresh, open mind could improve the existing work.

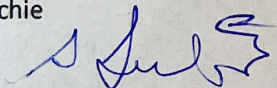
It is my belief that new approaches can only improve for our Nation programs and deliverables.

I would like to acknowledge and thank for the work done to date. I would like to provide my work ethic and drive to better our nation.

I would like to wish all other candidates 'Good Luck' as we strive for improvement for our community.

ʔuḥiyapin Tučihḥtayup

Gert Touchie



March 31, 2023

YFN Elections: Statement of Motivation

Candidate: Lorri Touchie

It is with great honor and privilege to accept this nomination for a Member of Legislature. Working for the Yuułuᑭiᑦᑭᑦᑭᑦᑭᑦ Government as a Member of the Legislature for the last 4 years has been a humbling experience. I learned a lot about what it means to serve the people of Yuułuᑭiᑦᑭᑦᑭᑦᑭᑦ.

During the last 4-years I have read and learned to understand Yuułuᑭiᑦᑭᑦᑭᑦᑭᑦ Acts and Laws. This knowledge is key to being an effective Member of the Legislature. It's extremely important that your elected official adhere to the laws that have been set out for the nation. Your leaders need to engage with the citizens to ensure that any decisions that are made are done in a transparent and an accountable manner.

My motivation for running for office for a 2nd term is to continue to build a robust foundation for our future generations to continue build on it and become prosperous from it. We need to be strong role models and stewards for our younger generations because at the end of the day they will be our future leaders. There is still more work that needs to be done. I'm hoping that you will allow me to work at your Member of the Legislature for another 4-year term.

Communication with citizens is vital and extremely important. The citizens need to have confidence in how its government is operating their affairs. Its paramount that your elected officials have more consultation and engagement sessions with citizens here in Hitacu and especially our urban citizens. We need to get citizen feedback, concerns and priorities that they would like to see for our nation.

I just want to express my sincere gratitude and say thank you to all the citizens of Yuułuᑭiᑦᑭᑦᑭᑦᑭᑦ First Nation for allowing me to work as one of your Members of the Legislature for last 4-years. I am feeling confident that the next 4-years will be very rewarding and exciting.

Respectfully yours,

Lorri Touchie