

Notice of Election and Acclamation

Notice of Election

The following persons have been nominated as candidates for President:



McCarthy, Chuck



Taylor, Gordon



Touchie, Nick

An election for President will be held on May 10, 2023

Eligible voters may vote in person at the General Poll or the Advance Poll, by mail-in ballot, or by electronic voting.

An **Advance Poll** will be held in hitaçu in the cixwatin centre on April 28, 2023 from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Mail-in ballot packages will be sent to eligible voters on April 10 and mail-in ballots must be received by the Chief Electoral Officer before the close of the general poll at 8:00 p.m. on May 10, 2023.

Electronic voting will available from 8:00 am Monday, May 1, 2023 to the close of the polls at 8:00 p.m. on Wednesday May 10, 2023. Voters will be provided with a PIN and instruction for electronic voting.

The **General Poll** shall be held in hitaçu in the cixwatin centre from 8:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. on May 10, 2023. An additional polling station will also be established at the Yuutu?it?ath Government satellite offices at 3203 3rd Ave. Port Alberni This polling station will be open from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. on May 10, 2023.

An **All Candidates Meeting** at which you can meet the candidates and ask questions will be held on April 26, 2023 from 6:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. in the cixwatin centre in hitaçu.

The candidates' statements of motivation are attached to this notice.

Notice of Acclamation

The following have been nominated as candidates for Member of the Legislature. Pursuant to s4.10 of the Election Act, there being only four candidates for the six Legislative seats, the following candidates are declared elected by acclamation.



Mastrangelo, Levana



Touchie, Asya



Touchie, Gert



Touchie, Lorri

Kit Spence has been appointed as the **Chief Electoral Officer** for this election. He can be contacted by telephone at (877) 541-9017 by text at (250) 881-0142 and by email at YFN_Elections_Officer@shaw.ca

This notice issued the 3rd day of April, 2023 by

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kit Spence".

Kit Spence, Chief Electoral Officer
Yuułuḡiḡathḡ Government

My name is Chuck McCarthy and looking back over the last 4 years there have been significant challenges with the introduction of COVID-19. As society has adapted and evolved with the COVID19 Pandemic, so has UFN's way of governing. Virtual meetings have become more commonplace and the connection to each other has been tested throughout the last 3 years.

I would like to share some accomplishments and to follow some of my visions going forward in the government, if elected.

For instance, housing has been a high priority with YFN government and in community citizens can see, there has been ongoing repairs to housing; upgrades to heating systems, and roof replacement. As well there has been construction of a triplex. Over the next 18 months and under the rapid housing there should be an additional 8 units being built.

And lastly the new home ownership contribution of \$25,000, (which is based on pre-approved loans when buying a home or modular home on TSL/ or away from home) will be available once the forms are drafted over the next few weeks to come.

Secondly, health care within Hitacu has improved over the last four years. While our nation moves away from NTC driven services, that haven't evolved with the demand of our citizens.

We have chosen a new direction that has brought health care services directly to our citizens in Hitacu.

For example, we have a doctor clinic weekly, two full time nurses on staff, mental health care workers (which includes substance abuse related services), and a monthly optometrist.

We are looking to expand our health care services by bringing in a registered pharmacist to community and additional services at the Port Alberni Satellite office.

My vision for our health care going forwards is to focus on being proactive; and I want to help raise awareness and reduce stigma, as well as support families and citizens affected by the

overdose crisis. The way I see it is that one way or another we have all been affected by the opioid crisis in Canada and I want to be a part of the change.

Lands and resources have been making our presence known within our traditional territories. As that department expands, one of the main issues have been acquiring tenure within our traditional territories. These negotiations have been ongoing over the last 18 months, along with revenue sharing with the Province of BC.

I believe revenue sharing should expand over all our traditional territories as we move forward with true reconciliation. By not limiting ourselves to forestry, my vision for our community to expand further into other areas of revenue sharing within our traditional territories. Lastly, rather than our gov't always going cap in hand to the gov't for top ups; our nation can only move forwards if both governments are considered equals as treaty partners.

Our nation has identified economic opportunities and priorities through community consultation. And by setting our priorities we have the opportunity to have a more meaningful economic foundation for the next generation of YFN citizens to build on. For example, there are development opportunities in the works that will change our nation's ability to contribute to the surrounding economy within the Ucluelet Peninsula and surrounding TSL.

We hope to have our Port Alberni office open within the next couple of weeks. We will bring and expand our services at the new satellite office, and we hope it will give YFN citizens a safe environment to have a voice as well as connect to their community and nation. As well we plan to have an outreach worker start at the satellite office as well as additional services to citizens in the near future.

Our Culture and Heritage Department has grown to cover all of our traditional values, and our number one priority is to revitalise our language, which we hope empowers and allows our

citizens to connect to their culture. I strongly believe that our connection to our language helps us identify who are as Yuutu?it?ath.

The varying living conditions and possibly unsafe housing within the community are also a high priority for our government. We should be housing the most vulnerable in our community in appropriate living quarters. This is a goal we need to achieve, be it near or far, we must show our citizens that we care about their well-being and quality of life.

Further to that, we need to expand our housing in key areas on the island for educational pursuits like trades or other post-secondary programs. This vision could come to life in the form homes being purchased in key areas close to colleges and universities.

In the next 4 years, if elected, I plan on continuing to be an advocate for YFN citizens living away from home and in community. We must build each other up instead of tearing each other down; with the common goal being the betterment of our community and of our people.

Thank you,

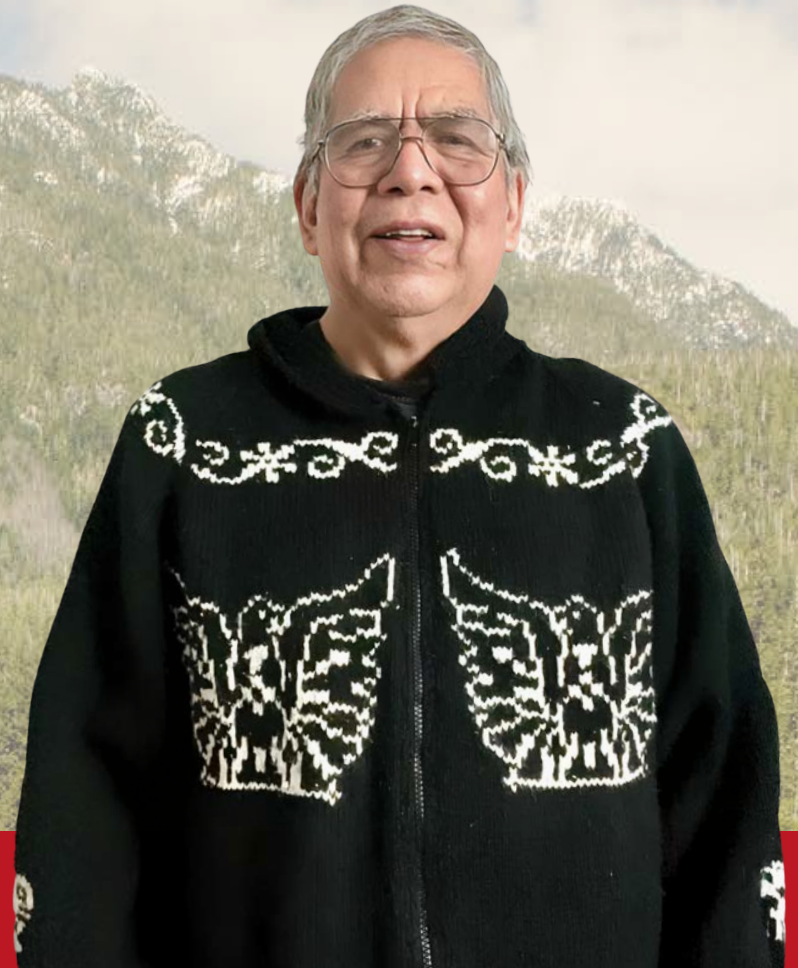
Chuck McCarthy

Yuutuʻitʻath
Election 2023



GORDON A.
TAYLOR

for President



A new era, for all Yuutuʻitʻath

My name is Gordon A. Taylor, and it is my privilege to be running to serve as your President. It's an even greater privilege to ask for your support as we work to **form a new government that prioritizes engagement with all citizens, growth of our essential services, and economic development that benefits our community and future generations.** We have never been better positioned to achieve this; generations have worked tirelessly, with great sacrifice, to ensure that we could revitalize our ʻāwīīh and ʻāaʻhuuti, and reclaim the wealth of our culture and territory for our people. The time has come, and I am ready. **Join me, and let's walk together into a new, exciting era for Yuutuʻitʻath; an era of equality, prosperity and unity.**

"It is my honour to share the inheritance of our territory and nation with each of you. Our leaders must understand that making decisions about our inheritance is a shared responsibility. **Under my leadership, your voice will be heard, you will know that you belong, and I will fight tirelessly to ensure that no citizen is left behind.**"

My first job as a teenager was painting houses on reserve and collecting garbage at Ucluth; **I've been fortunate to spend so much of my life in Hita'cu and Ucluelet, and to share this home with such amazing Yuutu?it?ath citizens.** My parents, Gordon Taylor Sr. and Mabel Taylor, made their home in our community, and like many of us, my family has connections across the island. My father's parents were Dominic Taylor and Irene Williams, and my mother's parents were Edward Clutesi and Mabel Jackson. As a parent and as someone who has looked after elderly parents, I know the challenges our families face in caring for our loved ones. **Access to healthcare, education, jobs and housing are priorities that all of us share. Our government has the tools to support our people in these areas and more; it's time we start using them.**

Priorities

Government needs to take its lead from the citizens; **our priorities and the laws and policies enacted must take shape through engagement with you.** Like others, it's been disappointing to see the current government leadership unwilling or unable to respond to concerns raised at Legislature meetings. **As President, I will always engage my critics and supporters, on and off the Legislature, and be prepared to defend or change my positions accordingly.**

Like many Yuutu?it?ath, I started out working in forestry and in the fish plant. I served the public as an ambulance attendant, on our Settlement Trust and our government's Executive from 2015-2019. Outside of public service, as an entrepreneur, I've been in leadership positions in local businesses for over a decade. **As citizens work to make their dreams a reality, in business, through education and in serving our community, we need leaders who are committed to advocating for what matters to you.**

Economic Development

Nothing is more important than putting food on the table. We must focus on rapid growth and create a regulatory framework that brings businesses, jobs and development to our territory.

Housing

Both on and off our lands, citizens face systemic barriers to affordable housing. We need to dedicate significant funding and work with partners to make safe housing available to all Yuutu?it?ath.

Elders and Families

Our elders deserve dignity, access to specialized services, and affordable housing. Targeted support for families around cost-of-living and childcare is as essential as it is urgent.

Sustainability

As we develop our lands, we must prioritize the impacts on health and the environment. We need laws and policies that meet the high standard our people expect, while still encouraging growth.

Hello

I am Nick Touché, son of the late Barbara and Samuel Touché.

I am currently employed with the "Coastal Restoration Society" and part time with Neptune & Co.

I need a new challenge and therefore am submitting my name for nomination of President.

Sincerely

Nick
Touché