



We, as active and informed community members, are proud to introduce Frances Roberts - our candidate for Chief - who believes OUR nation deserves leadership that is directly accountable to the people they have sworn to serve. We are fortunate Frances accepted our collective nomination and know she will represent us with the same passion, integrity and courage she has proven at our AGMs, Information Sessions and Council meetings. – *Iris Rayburn*

It has been a very humbling experience for me to be asked to run, and then accept the candidacy, for Chief.

With a long line of Chiefs in my family, I have always felt a desire to serve our community and fully embrace what is being requested of me. Change is long overdue and believe I possess the experience, education and people skills to help overcome the fundamental problems that have caused the disconnect between our elected leadership and the community - which has contributed to the divide, confusion and hostility felt amongst our membership. The traditional and historical knowledge our treasured Elders possess needs to be utilized in order for us to find lasting and culturally grounded solutions based on respect for one another.

“ Information and honest, open dialogue - not family loyalties and self-interest - needs to be the way forward”

In my current position as Governance Coordinator I have had the good fortune of being involved with a Band that is essentially rebuilding from the ground up. We have meaningfully engaged community members and actively listened to the input, direction and vision we receive in return. Each *spoke* of this GOOD GOVERNANCE wheel must be achieved and serve as the core values in order for any leadership to be considered a success. Watching firsthand the empowering effect it has on people when they are talked to with respect, and listened to with compassion and understanding, has had an enduring and motivating impact on me.



I am excited at the prospect of being a part of the reinvigoration of our Band. Our focus must be on having a concrete plan in place and that can only be achieved through engagement with membership and agreed upon initiatives to fulfill the identified directives:

- Youth and Elders must be a priority – our children are our future and our Elders are the bridge to our past. We must invest in education, promote activeness and ensure our language and culture thrives by seeking guidance from, and listening to the needs of, the Elders – who have been woefully underserved.
- Economic development and our forestry concerns cannot be outsourced – we need qualified staff and advisors that act solely in Wei Wai Kum's best interest.
- A thorough and evenhanded snapshot must be taken of where we are at with Treaty, how our businesses are performing and what we can do to ensure we maximize our resources and assets going forward.
- We must not leave it up to organizations unaccountable to membership directly to decide where we stand on fish farms. In order for us to make an informed decision the non-disclosure agreements contractors are required to sign must be made available to us as the stewards of our traditional lands and waterways. Self-interests and short term financial considerations must be set aside.

Thank you for your consideration and I respectfully ask you to Vote for CHANGE on April 20, 2018.

FRANCES ROBERTS

I just recently turned 48 and am a mother of three active children, Ty (13) Breylen (9) and Brielle (6) and have a strong passion to serve our community in any manner that is asked of me. And I can say with certainty that I am up to the challenge.

Given my close family proximity to former Wei Wai Kum Chiefs, Councillors and business minded leaders, I have long been exposed to the attributes and qualities necessary to represent Wei Wai Kum and fulfill the role of elected Chief Councillor.

Summary of Qualifications

- Integrity driven
- Honest in all facets of my life
- Computer proficient in programs and applications
- Engaging verbal and written communicator
- Thrive in the organization and prioritization of the task at hand
- Excellent interpersonal skills
- Highly regarded team player with the proven ability to lead and/or manage

Professional Experience

- First Nations Governance Coordinator
- Archived Data Entry
- Project Management Administrator
- Customer Service Specialist
- Marketing Coordinator
- Executive Assistant Treaty
- Legal Secretary & Office Manager

Educational Background

- Lands Management Certificate - INAC
- Bachelor of Arts – SFU
- Honours Diploma Legal Secretary & Micro Business Applications
- Passed Law School Admissions Test (LSAT)
- Honours Graduate Brentwood College
- Diploma Small Business Development

As an athlete, I have always embraced the notion of competition as a mindset and that resonates in my professional and personal life as well. I believe we must always strive for improvement, recognize successes, embrace failure as a tool for learning, and celebrate both the smaller and bigger sides of accomplishment.

Please VOTE

- ❖ If you feel your voice and opinion matters
- ❖ If you support those that believe ALL families are important and EQUAL, both on and off reserve
- ❖ If you believe that being community endorsed will empower me to use the same passion, integrity, and commitment to work in the best interest of the membership as a whole



Frances Roberts

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- ❖ I will use my extensive knowledge and familiarity working with First Nation organizations to be a leader who will empower the membership and create a foundation that we can build on
- ❖ Presently, I work with a First Nation, which is in the rebuilding stage, and witness personally the power that is generated when members are listened to and feel respected
- ❖ Good governance will be OUR stepping stone in a concrete plan towards the rejuvenation of our Nation
- ❖ I recognize what true leadership means and see firsthand what transformation looks like in a First Nation with transparent governance
- ❖ In closing, I will use all these attributes, work experience and hands on knowledge to bring the Wei Wai Kum Nation back where we belong!

April 20, 2018 - the day for real CHANGE!

