Notice of Election by Acclamation

Regular Election

Iskut Band Council

September 16, 2025

The following five (5) candidates, having provided candidacy confirmation and proof of an application for a criminal record check within the required timeframe, are elected by acclamation as Councillors for the Iskut Band:

LOUIE, Andrea Martina
LOUIE, Feddie Bee
NOLE, John Phillip
NOLE, Quentin Travis
OVINGTON, Kaitlin Anna Jewel

Candidates' Personal Statements
Candidates have provided personal statements, which are attached.

Complaints and Appeals
Complaints and Appeals are governed by s17 of the Iskut Band Custom Election Code. Any candidate or any voter may, within 14 days of the date of this Notice, appeal the election if they have grounds for believing that there was an error or violation of the process that might have affected the outcome of the Election. The relevant sections of the Code are attached to this Notice.

Kit Spence has been appointed as Electoral Officer for this Election. He can be contacted by email at Iskut_EO@shaw.ca, by text at (250) 881 0142, or toll free at (877) 541-9017.

17. Complaints and Appeals of Election Results

17.1 The Electoral Commission will supervise and administer all Election appeals and complaints pertaining to the real or perceived violation of the Code of Conduct and Ethics of Iskut Band Chief and/or Council, in accordance with the provisions of this Code.

Complaints and Appeals Procedure

17.2 A Candidate, or any Voter, may within fourteen (14) days of the Election, appeal the Election if they have grounds for believing that there was an error or violation of process that might have affected the outcome of the Election.

17.3 Any Notice of Appeal of an Iskut Band Election must be submitted in writing to the Electoral Commission and must contain details including applicable evidence.

17.4 The Notice of Appeal will be sent by registered mail to the Electoral Commission, c/o the Iskut Band Office.

17.5 This Notice of Appeal must be received at the Band Office within fourteen (14) days of the Election.

17.6 Where a Notice of Appeal is received by the Electoral Commission pursuant to this Code:

a) The Electoral Commission will, within seven (7) days of the end of the fourteen (14) day appeal period, forward a copy of each Notice of Appeal received together with supporting documents by registered mail to the Candidate who is subject to the appeal and to the Electoral Officer.

b) The Candidate or the Electoral Officer may, within fourteen (14) days of the receipt of the Notice of Appeal(s), forward to the Electoral Commission, by registered mail, a written response to the Notice of Appeal, together with any supporting documentation.

c) The Electoral Commission may conduct or authorize such further investigation into the Notice of Appeal as it deems appropriate and necessary.

17.7 After a review of all of the evidence that it has received, the Electoral Commission will, within fourteen (14) days:

a) deny the appeal on the grounds that the evidence presented did not reveal an infraction of this Code, or on the grounds that an infraction of this Code was revealed but the infraction did not affect the result of the Election; or

b) confirm the appeal, and direct that a new By-Election be called for the positions affected. This By-Election will take the place as soon as possible and will be conducted pursuant to the provisions of this Code. The Electoral Commission will, if necessary, give instructions to the Election Officer on how the problems identified in the appeal can be corrected.

17.8 Iskut Band will indemnify and save harmless the Electoral Commission for any legal fees resulting from any challenge to the decisions made under the appeal suffered by Iskut Band, except in the instance of gross negligence or misconduct.

17.9 All ballots will be destroyed following the close of the appeal period or after a decision has been made by the Electoral Commission.

Candidate Statement – Andrea Louie

My name is Andrea Louie, and my parents are Andy and Penny Louie.

I am honoured to put my name forward for re-election as Councillor with the Iskut Band Council.

Raised in Iskut until the age of thirteen, I carry with me the teachings and values that continue to guide my life today. My beliefs are rooted in my strong family upbringing. Instilled with a deep sense of respect, responsibility, and community through strong family values, I remain devoted to working for our people. Though I later moved, I stayed rooted in the North, where I built my life, raised my family, and continued to honour the teachings I was given.

I was first elected to the Iskut Band Council on July 7, 2023. While I am relatively new to politics, I have gained valuable political knowledge and experience since my election, which has strengthened my ability to serve our Nation with integrity, accountability, and transparency. I bring with me a wide range of professional experience: from completing a three-year apprenticeship in Culinary Arts while working in the mining industry, to gaining skills in accounting and Human Resources, to over a decade as a frontline worker in Tahltan Territory. Each of these roles has strengthened my ability to listen, communicate, and advocate for our people.

Working on the front lines has given me a deep appreciation for both the challenges and strengths within our community. I have seen firsthand the resilience of our people and I believe strongly in building on that strength to create opportunities for the generations to come.

As Councillor, my priorities are clear: strong governance, respect for our land and culture, meaningful opportunities for youth, and ensuring that the voices of Elders, families, and all members are heard in decision making. I believe in working together in unity to build a sustainable future while staying true to who we are as members of the Iskut Band.

With your support, I will continue to serve with dedication and a deep commitment to the well-being of our people, today and for the future.

Personal Statement

I accepted my nomination because I believe I can be an asset not only to our Council but to our Nation as a leader. I bring extensive experience in administration, a Master's in Indigenous Governance, and the perspective of a successful business owner. As I near retirement, I feel a responsibility to give back in ways that will truly benefit our people.

The Tahltan Nation is on the cusp of financial prosperity, moving toward a future where government funding will not be our main source of income. With this opportunity comes the responsibility to govern wisely, inclusively, and transparently.

My dream for Iskut is that we heal from past traumas and move forward together in a good way. For too long, toxicity, bullying, and harassment have held us back. There is space for all of us to lead, contribute, and advance our Nation together.

As leaders, we must set a path for future generations, support our Elders, and lift our people so they can be part of the solution. My guiding principles are:

- Transparency – Leaders must have nothing to hide and must be willing to share openly with the people.
- Accountability – Regular and honest reporting keeps trust alive.
- Equality – Every member deserves to be treated fairly, consistently, and without discrimination, regardless of family lines.
- Fairness – Services and opportunities must be accessible to all members, without fear of favoritism or punishment based on who they are—or are not—related to.

I know first-hand that services have too often been withheld from families due to fear of conflict-of-interest perceptions. This must end. Our programs must serve everyone who meets the eligibility criteria.

The last council term was only nine months—far too short to implement, and evaluate meaningful change. With a four-year mandate, we have the time to build real progress. My approach would be:

- Year 1: Develop plans with the community.
- Years 2 & 3: Implement changes and build capacity.
- Year 4: Monitor, evaluate, and adjust.

We need to strengthen our organization through policy development while also creating long-term community plans: a Strategic Plan, Comprehensive Community Plan, Housing Plan, Financial Management Plan, Skills and Education Plan, Child and Family Services Plan, and more. These plans must come from the community itself—because without a shared vision, we cannot know where we are going.

Moving forward means ensuring the right people are in the right places. With planning, fairness, and unity, we can build a stronger Iskut and a stronger Tahltan Nation for generations to come.

Respectfully,

Feddie Louie, MBA

Personal Statement

My name is John p Nole I'm a resident of Iskut I'm the grandson of Sophie and Edwin Tashoots my parents are Sarah & Loveman Nole I decided to run for band councillor again because I believe we as a team can accomplish a lot for our community and members there's a few things we accomplished together

I've dedicated my time and effort to be a councillor who listen and give feedback when necessary I've always done my best like my mother and father taught me my self determination speak for it's self I do my best to attend every event that happens in our community and out of our community I know I can do it again

I've attended as many meetings as I can by zoom or in person as a councillor you have to go above and beyond and keep what I value the most in place my dedication to our community and band council hasn't changed since my first term as band councillor I'll do what I can in my next term if I get elected back in as councillor for Iskut band council I can say it's not an easy job being part of the decision making team we do our best for our community and members again I'll dedicate my self to my position as I've always done with respect

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John p Nole

Personal Statement and Biography (Maximum 500 words)

With the upcoming 2025 Band council elections, I would like to run again for a second term. My first term was full of learning experience and I believe that there's more for me to learn and become a better leader for our community and our Youth. I believe there opportunity for growth within our community and nation.

I reside in ~~the~~ our community of Iskut and work at Bruce Jack mine. ~~both~~ when I can't attend meetings in person I join by zoom be it council or Tahltan leadership. I am raising my family in our community and don't plan on leaving anytime ~~soon~~. When in meetings I am able to focus fully on my leadership duties and when I'm not in meetings I still acknowledge ~~my~~ and undertake my responsibilities and role as Councillor as I take it seriously. I'd like to thank my spouse and children that help me with my leadership responsibities.

Kaitlin Ovington – Council Candidate Statement

My name is Kaitlin Ovington, formerly Louie. I am the daughter of Kena Louie and the late Issac Quock, and I come from the Dekhama family. I was raised in Iskut and moved away in my twenties, but when I became a mother, I knew without a doubt that I wanted my children to grow up here—where family ties, culture, and community values are not just traditions, but foundations of daily life.

Over the years, I have worked in various departments within the Iskut Band and Iskut Valley Health. One role that particularly inspired me was serving as Youth Coordinator. Growing up in Iskut, I saw firsthand how our young people often lacked consistent and meaningful support. That experience gave me a deep commitment to be part of the change I once needed. I believe that as a community, we must shift from reacting to crises to preventing them—and that begins by investing in our youth, early and continuously.

I've built strong relationships across generations in our community. I have a great connection with both youth and Elders, and I value the wisdom, guidance, and energy each brings to our shared future. I'm also actively involved in organizing and supporting community events, which I believe are essential for keeping us connected, engaged, and proud of who we are.

I am running for Council because I believe in strong, forward-thinking leadership that serves the whole community. I am committed to working alongside Chief and Council to support their ongoing efforts and contribute to building a healthy, unified future for Iskut.

I bring strong communication and interpersonal skills that allow me to connect with people of all ages and backgrounds. I also have experience in organizing community events, planning programs, and leading teams of staff and volunteers. These skills will help me listen to the needs of our members and help translate those needs into action.

Most importantly, I hope my candidacy inspires our youth to see themselves as future leaders. Our young people are capable, intelligent, and full of potential—and when the time comes, I hope they feel empowered to step forward, knowing they have a place at the table.