

## *Lynda Dickson - Skoehoeteen*



I am a member of the Ishkahittaan Clan, daughter of Edith Johnson and grand child of William and Winnie Atlin. I was born and raised here in the Yukon and have always considered Carcross to be my home. I began working with Carcross/Tagish First Nation, in the Finance Department since 2007. I sat as a member of General Council for our Clan from 2009-2014. I also have been a member of the Executive Council from 2014 to present. For the past 3 years I have been holding weekly sewing classes, which many citizens have participated in and have made beautiful regalia. I enjoy going out on our homelands, fishing and boating and to visit our grandparents fish camps. I successfully ran my own business for 30 years and I still continue to lead a healthy lifestyle.

After many discussions with citizens and for the future of our First Nation, I have put my name forward for the position of Kha Shade du Heni. I would like to make a difference in helping to shape our First Nation to move forward where we can all benefit. I believe that it is important to continue to see our culture grow and flourish. I also believe that our traditional values such as honesty, accountability and transparency need to be incorporated into all areas of our government, and we need to continue to integrate these values into our daily work of moving our government forward. To me, it is important to be proud of all of our accomplishments that we as a people have done over the years. We now have a beautiful Learning Centre, for example, to be able to share our beautiful history and culture with citizens and visitors alike. I am proud of all that we have done and for all of our citizens that have been part of our many accomplishments.

I have thoughts and ideas for both short- and long term goals for our First Nation. The following is some of my thoughts and ideas on moving forward.

Short Term goals include getting our Councils and Boards running the way they were intended such as Family Council and the Constitutional Review. These councils were developed to help our First Nation move forward and need to be having regular meetings. We need to focus on the health and healing of our First Nations and all of our members.

Longer term goals would include focusing on multi-generational healing from trauma. I would like to see a Healing Centre built here in Carcross. The hard work of the Choutla School clean-up has been the start that our community has been needing for a long time. It is important to build on what others have already started. A place of healing where citizens go when they are ready, willing and able. To focus on building on each others strengths rather than weaknesses. Our water is also one of our most valuable resources and we need to protect it and make sure that it is healthy and clean for many generations. We need to continue to work on the education of our citizens. To continue to help our citizens to flourish and to contribute in meaningful ways to the advancement of our First Nation. We need to work on a long-term plan for housing of our citizens. We need to continue the hard work of Economic Development. Carcross is already established as a world class destination and we need to continue building on what has already been accomplished. We already have come leaps and bounds from where we were. We need to build a healthy government with the participation of all of our citizens.

It is the voice of the people that is important to me. What do you see and feel is important for us as a people to be working on together? My voice is your voice. I would very much like to speak with anyone that has concerns, ideas or thoughts. If you would like to talk to me more please feel free to give me a call, send me an email, a message on Facebook or reach out to me any way you feel comfortable. My home number is 867-821-3251, my cell number is 867-333-0667, my email is [lyndadickson@live.ca](mailto:lyndadickson@live.ca). I look forward to hearing from you.



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