

**Vote  
July 15,  
2019**

**Election Day**

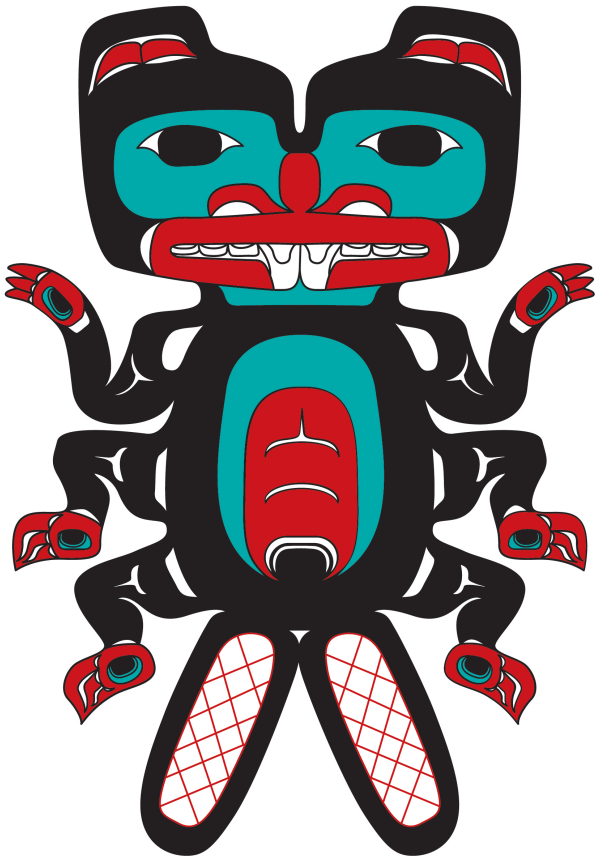
*When:*

**Monday, July 15th, 2019  
9 a.m. – 8 p.m.**

*Where:*

**Carcross – Learning Centre  
Tagish – Community Centre  
Whitehorse – Kwanlin Dun  
Cultural Centre**

**Vote for  
*MARIA  
BENOIT***



My name is Maria Benoit; Tlingit name Tlaooostla, Tagish name is Yaa Gin Du Hen, I am a member of the Deisheetaan Clan, and the Carcross/Tagish First Nation, I am a mother of 2 women, grandmother of 5 and great grandmother of two girls, and currently am the Deputy Haa Shadu Hen, I previously sat on Executive Council representing the Deisheetaan Clan for the last 9 years appointed in October 2011.

I graduated from Yukon College in 1990 from the Indian Government Management Program with accredited courses from Red Deer College and New Caledonia College in Prince George. As I continued my education in the Economic Development field I took 5 courses in Community and Economic Development in NVIT, B.C. and graduated from the EDA, Alta 2006, continuing on through out my professional field finally earning my Professional Aboriginal Economic Developer certificate from CANDU in Oct 2010.

I have been on Executive Council for a decade now and my dedication with the Carcross/Tagish First Nation government goes back further. In 2004 and 2005 I was the contractor for the referendum and ratification vote for self-government. I continued to work as the Executive/Admin for the Governance Department, Director for the Health and Wellness and Capacity Development Departments. 2007-09 I was appointed to the Chairpersons role on the C/T Development Corporation, overseeing the implementation of our Montana Manor and other initiatives. I currently sit as a Board of Director for Dana Naye Ventures since 2009, becoming Chairperson in 2011.

For cultural activities, I enjoy dancing with the Tagish Nation dancers and preparing regalia over the years for self and grand kids. I delved into jewelry making for a couple of years, not enough to make a living off of, unfortunately.

The priorities remain at the will of the Communities, I will continue to focus on the B.C treaty negotiations, on Health and Healing including on the land healing opportunities for the community. Other priorities on the agenda are the peacemaking circle training, communications and language revitalization, education of our little ones and the increase of #'s of Post Secondary graduates, also focussing on more employment opportunities. I will continue to support in the preparation of the Haa Kusteeyi Celebration happening in Carcross in July 2019.

Governance Department are surveying staff and the community for upcoming priorities for the new fiscal year. I look forward to continuing on as your Haa Shadu Hen, one of my main priorities will be to build and create more opportunities for employment for our citizens and to have a healthier livelihood.

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Tla oose Tla, Maria Benoit, PAED  
Deputy, Haa Shaa Du Hen

### **Suggested Priorities of CTFN:**

- Governance - Tax Negotiation, (tax deduction, carbon tax, gas tax)
- Legislation development (ATI = Access to information and Privacy Act, creation, tourism, copyright act)
- Constitution amendments
- Consultation / Engagement (Registy, CCP, ILUP, Constitution)
- Registry (confirming categories prior to FTA)
- FTA Renewal Prep (engagement)
- Has Kusteeyi 2019

### **Heritage, Lands and Natural Resources:**

- Create new Monitor Program with proper reporting
- Traditional Pursuits and Cultural Camp teachings
- Land Registry System
- Cultural Events: Hide tanning, Snowshoe making, Harvesting, gathering foods, Sewing class, on the land training for Youth
- Land Leasing

### **Health and Wellness:**

- Traditional Parenting Practices
- More focus on Elder and Family Wellbeing
- Proceed with Choutla Residential School Closure ceremony
- Implement the new TFA Policy
- Continue implementing the Wellness Circle Training
- Continue implementing the Family Act and Council
- Safe house (mid term plan/work on 5 year plan)
- Long term Goals: Office space, and on the land Treatment Program
- Community Education Plan to address Substance abuse

### **Infrastructure:**

- Inventory building and Asset Management System
- Continued outside opportunities for Rental Housing Rehabilitation
- On the Land Programming
- Training Programs for Tenants
- Transportation Service
- Install Bio-mass boilers
- Renovate Skookies camp
- Housing Team: - Complete the revised policy, Increase rental housing,
- Host a housing forum, Finish Rental Housing reno's
- Learning Centre, AV training, Skills training

### **Capacity Development:**

- Incorporate Language & Cultural Teachings into everything: office, youth, TE, HYH
- Departmental involvement / support for T.E. Program.
- Motivational/Cultural Speaker series
- High School Graduates Transitional Program
- On-going Youth Council development
- More life skills/ practical intelligence into TE program
- Incorporate lesson plans into Cultural Teachings
- Structured transition program for Grade 9 students going to Whitehorse (Parent involvement)
- Creation/Implementation for an individual learning centre
- Case Management skills being implemented from EETO
- Tlingit/immersion at HYH Daycare
- Create job shadowing opportunities and career counselling for high school transitions.

### **Elder Identified Priorities:**

- Constitution development - Take voting out and put it in laymen terms
- Clan development - where we know our own songs
- Healing - Family and individual & Health
- Records Management
- Elders Home care building / Complex

**Please be advised this is a summary only of the suggested priorities that we heard from the Community members.**