

NOTICE OF CANDIDATES



June 1, 2023

Attention: UBCIC Full and Active Members

I have been appointed to act as the UBCIC Electoral Officer for the election to select a Member of the First Nations Gaming Commission scheduled to be held at the Chiefs Council Meeting on June 7, 2023

Nominations for the position closed at 4 p.m. on May 24, 2023. The following candidates submitted valid nomination packages.

UBCIC First Nations Gaming Commission Member

Louise Gordon (*Taku River Tlingit*)

Judy Wilson (*Neskonlith*)

Based on the number of applications received, an election will be held for the position of Member of the First Nations Gaming Commission.

Election Location: **Musqueam Community Centre, xʷməθkʷəy̓əm**
Date: **June 7, 2023 (Wednesday)**
Time: **12:00 noon – 1:00 pm**

For those attending in person, voting will be conducted using paper ballots, which those joining the meeting online will have access to vote using electronic voting on the Simply Voting platform.

Registration

- Registration for voting purposes will close on June 7 at 11:00 a.m.
- Contact the UBCIC directly for registration information and for any questions regarding membership dues. Call at: (604) 684-0231

CONTACT INFORMATION

For any questions, please contact the Returning Officer at: ronlauferelections@gmail.com

For more information, please also visit the UBCIC Website: <https://www.ubcic.bc.ca/>

Signature of UBCIC Electoral Officer
Ron Laufer

June 1, 2023

**Louise Gordon - TRTFN Wolf Clan Director of
Education and Capital & Housing, Operation & Maintenance Departments**

Louise Gordon – Ka diek na at, is a Taku River Tlingit First Nation citizen from the Yanyeidi clan, born and raised in Atlin, BC. Her father is the late Chief Sylvester Jack - Kok hitaan from the Crow Clan and her mother is the late Evelyn Jack - Yanyeidi from the Wolf Clan. Louise is the great grandchild of the late Chief Taku Jack. Louise is the mother of two children Robin and Nicole and a grandmother of 3 precious grandchildren and one great grandchild.

Louise's key interest is building a promising future for future generations. Louise's dream is to witness Aboriginal organizations become a major player in the economy and to become self-sufficient while moving forward to Self-Government. Louise works as a team player at the community level, to build capacity moving forward to a self-governing nation. This work is very challenging and rewarding as well.

Louise is extremely active in working for the benefit of the Taku River Tlingit First Nation community in Atlin, BC. After returning to her community from Mission, BC in 1983, she worked in several capacities in the Taku River Tlingit First Nation, including 10 years as Band Manager from 1983 to 1993. During that time, she worked under the direction of her late father, Chief Sylvester Jack who strongly believed in Aboriginal Rights and Title and following the advice of the elders past & present. Working with her father inspired her to continue working for the betterment of First Nations people at a provincial and national level.

During her time working with the Taku River Tlingit First Nation, the elders of the day instilled in her the principles of Aboriginal Rights and Title and how the Taku River Tlingit First Nation must have the final say on their Traditional Territory. The term they used was “***working toward Indian Self-Government.***” She remembers her father teaching as “***We must have equal say with the provincial and federal government before things will work for the aboriginal and the non-aboriginal people***”. It didn't dawn on her then that he was talking about was a Government-to-Government shared decision making agreement with the provincial and federal government.

Louise is honored to have worked with the elders, leaders and community in Atlin, BC during these challenging times, as she truly believes that building on their knowledge and teachings will be another way that all nations will affirm their aboriginal rights and title to the lands and waters that constitute their Traditional territories, while at the same time as we continue on our path to self-sufficiency for the betterment of our children and families.

Gunalcheesh for the opportunity, Louise appreciates your trust in nominating me for this important position. Her years of experience working for the betterment of First Nations people will be reflected in this position, should she be elected.

Submitted by June Ramirez May 24, 2023



**JUDY WILSON (MANUEL)
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Please accept this letter as my expression of interest as an appointee to the **BC First Nations Gaming Commission**. I have over 25 years of experience as an advocate and leader in all manner of First Nations interests at the provincial, federal and international levels. Further, I have extensive experience in media relations and public administration which I believe to be crucial to the role I am applying for.

I have developed a deep understanding of the gaming industry and it's potential to bolster First Nations' economic independence, as well as the challenges gaming may bring to some of our people. I am well situated based on my experience of addressing both. Since the inception of the BC First Nations Gaming Commission in 2010 I have served as the political lead on behalf of the UBCIC of the gaming portfolio. As such, I have attended high level meetings with the provincial government leadership, UBCIC, BCAFN and First Nations Summits on matters relating to gaming in BC and Canada. I am fully conversant with the political landscape both within our First Nations and the provincial and federal governments.

The first of two phases of the provincial revenue sharing agreement with First Nations came into effect in 2019 which I regard as only partial compensation for the operation of the gaming industry in BC on unceded First Nations territory. This Phase 1 agreement does not address the issue of gaming on reserve lands which the province believes falls under their regulatory purview. The second phase of the agreement must include First Nations right to conduct and manage gaming, including land based and online, in a government-to-government fashion in the same manner the province interacts with the federal government. To this end, the Criminal Code must be amended to empower First Nations to conduct, manage and regulate gaming without interference or oversight from provincial authorities. First Nations governments or commissions should hold this responsibility.

It is crucial all First Nations speak with one voice on this politically sensitive matter and strive towards a broad-based gaming model which works for the long-term benefit of all our First Nations, large and small. This will require constructive dialogue and keen negotiating, skills that I possess and can bring to bear on this important journey led by the BC First Nations Gaming Commission.

Sincerely,

Judy Wilson (Manuel) Red Hummingbird Woman