



Wolf Councillor Candidate Julia Joe

Dear Selkirk First Nation Citizens:

My name is Julia Joe, I am from the Wolf Clan. I am running in the 2017 Selkirk First Nation (SFN) Election for one of the Wolf Councillor positions.

I am a mother of three children, whom all are young adults now, and three beautiful grandchildren who are the joys of my life.

My Mother and Father are Betty and Danny Joe who both live in Pelly Crossing and have been my lifelong role models and they helped define who I am today. They instilled in me the desire to be a helper and a hard worker.



My father is a former Chief for Selkirk First and some of you may remember his role in Yukon leadership delegation who started the movement 'Together Today for our Children Tomorrow' document and the start of our Land Claim and Self Government negotiations.

I lived the majority of my life in Pelly Crossing. I raised my children in the great outdoor lifestyle. I speak a bit of the Northern Tutchone Language and understand the language, although I am still learning language every day.

As a child, I was raised with my older grandparents, Frances Joe my father's mother (unfortunately I didn't get to know my grandfather Ben Joe on my dad's side) and on my mother's side Joe and Julia Roberts.

I have had the honor to know our past Elders who have passed and I knew them by their traditional names. I hold dearly the stories and teachings they have shared with me.

Today in my work in the Education field, I do my best to incorporate the cultural teachings to our youth and community. I look at life as long learning and no one is too old to learn, you learn something every day.

Back in the days when we didn't have the luxury of running water and heat, we as children always went out to help the Elders pack their wood in and hauled their water because the water house was so far away. The fun part was using sleds to haul water. Our reward was "Good Grandchild", "Mussi Cho" (Thank you). That was good enough for me...

Today, I work for Selkirk First Nation as the Community Education Liaison Coordinator. I sit on a few Education Boards and Committees for the First Nation as the Education Commissioner Alternate for SFN, Pelly Yukon College as Campus Chair, and SFN Education Committee. I have always been interested in Education, because I firmly believe if our people can walk in two worlds both knowing their identity and surviving in the bigger world, then they have accomplished the wish of our Elders. It is our past Elders' wish for our people to succeed in both worlds.

I also worked in other fields such as an Education Assistant at Eliza Van Bibber School, as a tutor and teacher's aide, and the Community Health Rep for SFN. I worked in these capacities for a number of years and as a Youth in various employment opportunities with YTG and SFN.

As volunteer in our community, I was on the Emergency Medical Response team for a number of years, and throughout the years was a Community Support worker for Crisis and Intervention.

I am most interested in running for SFN Council office because I have an interest in making Education and the health and well-being of our people and our Nation a success.

Social work has always been my area of strength. I am a firm believer of humility and compassion when it comes to helping people. I have compassion to help my people. Throughout the years, I have witness the social impacts on our People's lives; and after learning so much about the social impacts, I took an interest in studying part-time courses online. I studied a wide range of Health and Social impacts, because I am interested in why things are the way they are...I took courses to study First Nation people and History.

Also, I am enrolled in the online distance education, Women's Study Program at the Yukon College. This program covers a wide range of topics in Education, History, Health and Social changes with our First Nation women, men and children.

In closing, I wish to ask for your support in the upcoming Election for a Wolf Councillor position. I want to thank you for considering me and my approach to helping our people. I consider myself a team player, and if elected, I will give it all my best.

Mussi Cho, Thank you.