

Greetings Selkirk First Nation Citizens:

My name is Sharon Nelson and I am running for the position of Chief in the upcoming Election. I am a member of the Wolf Clan. My parents are the late Sarah Sims (Roberts) and Greg Sims. My grandparents are the late Maggie Baum and Luke Roberts. I was raised in Pelly Crossing and moved to Whitehorse, then British Columbia to complete High school and College.

I have worked in administrative and management positions for many years before returning home to Pelly Crossing in 1999 with my husband.

I have worked for Selkirk First Nation since 1999, as the Executive Assistant, Executive Director, and most recently the Senior Policy Advisor to the Finance and Constitution Committees, working closely with the Committees by providing research, coordination and support at consultation sessions and Assemblies. To expand my knowledge, I took an Executive Director position for two years with the Regional Chief of the Assembly of First Nations Yukon office. In addition to this, I have been the Implementation Representative for SFN for many years and was also appointed as the SFN Representative at negotiation and technician tables. This has given me a wide view on the implementation of the Final and Self Government Agreements. With my years of experience with SFN, I have developed a working knowledge of the SFN Constitution.

In 2002, I was elected as Wolf Councillor and served as Deputy Chief from 2002 to 2005.

I have small business experience and continue to further my Education on a part-time basis, while still working, through Open Learning at Thompson River University – Management Program.

Boards and Committee Experience:

- SFN Recreation Committee (1 yr)
- SFN Finance Committee (2 yrs)
- Board member Selkirk Development Corporation

Personal:

I have been a foster parent to many children over the years and recently became a 'hockey mom'. I am married to Kevin Nelson. My family name is Roberts. I come from a strong, stable family who always support whatever endeavor I choose.

I care about our Nation. I respect the Elders for their knowledge and I respect the Youth who are our future. I strive to treat every person I meet with kindness and respect. I am always willing to teach others what I know. I respect the air that we breathe, the water that we drink and the land that we live on. I try not to take anything for granted and take every new day as a blessing.

I know first-hand the financial pressures our Government is under with the condition of our infrastructure, the well-being of our Citizens, and pressures of industry and other Governments. I am also fully aware that there are threats to our environment that we will need to protect.

- I will strive for fairness and equality
- I will do my best to protect our resources but at the same time maximize the benefits we can achieve within our Traditional Territory while maintaining environmental integrity
- I hope to blaze the trail to success for our future generations. They are our future leaders and I want to work closely with the Education system to ensure they are getting the best education and supports they can in our community and to build systems that will prepare them for leadership.
- No one person can manage this FN on their own, it is going to take a good team on Council, on staff and all Citizens to strengthen our Nation.

I look forward to your support in striving for Unity.