

Candidate Biography – Dennis Nicloux

Dennis Nicloux was born in Mayo and has spent most of his life living and working in the community. He is the son of Martha Buyck and the grandson of Dave Hager ('Big Dave') and Alice Hager. He is of the Wolf Clan. Dennis is running for Chief because he wants to build unity in the First Nation by working with Council to address the social issues that impact citizens, create opportunities that benefit citizens and ensure people can access the land for traditional and cultural pursuits. Dennis wants to leverage relationships between Nacho Nayak Dun (NND) and other governments to advance the interests of NND. Dennis has over 10 years of experience as an elected Councilor for the First Nation plus four years of experience working in housing, lands and resources management positions at NND. In his roles with NND, Dennis participated in various intergovernmental forums and committees and contributed to numerous planning and negotiation processes. Dennis has also worked for the Ta'an Kwach'an Council as Housing Operations Manager, for Victoria Gold in a Mine Site Services Coordinator capacity and he spent 8 years working in the Mayo area as Diesel Turbine Operator for Yukon Energy. In addition to his government and private sector experience, Dennis has spent most of his life on the land, hunting, fishing and trapping. Dennis has been trapping for about 40 years, and has actively trapped two different trapping concessions in the Mayo Region. Dennis regularly shares fish and meat and fur with his family and people in the community and has taught several young people how to hunt and fish and where to go; including his daughters, both of whom successfully harvested their first caribou and moose as teenagers. Dennis cares about preserving culture, while also advancing the governance of the First Nation.