

Candidates Biography Questions

1) What is your name:

Roberta Veronica Hager

2) What position are you are running for?

Deputy Chief for the First Nation of Na-Cho Nyak Dun, Mayo, Yukon. Territory.

3) What is your family background?

I am the mother of two boys Christopher and Kedrick Hager and the grandmother to 3 grandchildren, Asiskia, Cassius and Jayquin. My mother is Christine Hager (maiden name Germaine), her parents are Jenny (my grandma parents are Billy Malcolm and Jessie Lighting) and Frank Germaine. My father is the late Robert Hager Chief for many years, his parents are Edwin and Mary Hager (my grandmother Mary is the daughter of the late Julius and Persis Kendi from Old Crow.

4) What is your clan?

I am from the Wolf Clan, with Gwich'in and NWT ancestry from my great grandparents.

5) What is your education background?

I went to J.V Clark School and graduated in 1985, then started working for the Mayo Indian Band as a trainee in Administration. In 1989 went to Yukon College for First Nation Management Program. Had various education in different jobs, like working in finance, accounts payable, accounts receivable, then started training with Hal MeHaffey with Band Manager. I have worked under the Indian Act Band, then the First Nation was Self Government in 1995, I have seen a lot of change from my years of experience. In 2004 was elected as Deputy Chief and served 2 year term, then was hired as the Education Manager in 2006 and have done a lot of work in youth employment, proposals writing, overseeing public education and post-secondary. I have not attended university, but I have gained a lot of experience and knowledge of my people, community and know some of the systems of Federal and Yukon Government.

6) What is your traditional background?

My traditional background is Northern Tutchone part Na-Cho Nyak Dun, Selkirk First Nation and Little Salmon Carmacks First Nation. I use to watch my grandmothers cut moose meat, salmon. I would help and learn, then my parents started taking us out on the land in the late 1970's to McQuestion river on the Dawson road. There my parents and family have build fish camp for us to come every year to help and learn our traditional way of preserving dry fish. I make dry meat in the fall, if we have meat. I do beading for pins and help elders teach the youth at culture camp.

7) What do you hope to achieve, if you were elected for office?

To work with Chief and Council on orientation for the governing body and for First Nation Departments on roles and responsibilities. Ensuring policies are updated and with current trends. Working with Elders and Citizens to have involvement in the development of programs and services for the well-being of our First Nation. To work on strategies to ensure our Citizens get training and employment for NND and Industry. Having implementation department work with departments to follow the Self Government Agreements. I want to work with Industry and Natural resources to protect safe drinking water. Working with Northern Tutchone Communities on the Doodi project to regulation on traditional harvesting skills of animals and land management for future generations. Working in partnership with Federal and Yukon Governments on negotiations of programs and to develop a economic development strategy. The most important initiative is the language revalization, I would like to work with Council and departments to develop and implement language programs for all ages, this is one of my traditional goals to learn my northern Tutchone language and want to work on wellness and healing for all areas. Healing of our people to try and make life better and secure for our children and future grandkids for all our community.