

Hi, my name is Barb Buyck and I am interested to represent you on Council for 2019 Election.

I belong to the Wolf clan, born n raised in Mayo, being taught the values, culture, traditional laws, honesty and respect. Respect by helping one another, being kind, living a healthy life, by understanding how the land provides for us and our inherent duty to protect the land, waters and life. Importance of knowing who your family are, where they came from and their story.

At this point in life, I am a mother, a sister, an aunt and a friend to many, with my greatest blessing of being a grandmother. In July, I will become a newly minted Elder, and I look forward to those responsibilities. My mother- Alice Buyck (nee Moses) Grandparents- Ella and Moses Moses (Lucas) and Great Grandparents Alice and Tom Albert

Educational background: Class of 77- JV Clark School, I completed first year Business Administration Yukon College 84/85. A challenging career with Transport Canada, maintaining safety in the skies, presented an opportunity that I accepted and completed the training-1985 This provided me with a successful 25 year career in the industry and I took the early retirement opportunity in 2009. Another educational experience I had was with the Village of Mayo (VOM), known then as Mayo Local Improvement District (L.I.D.) 1981/84 As Secretary/Treasurer I found this experience beneficial to me as I got to see how the community grew, working with Yukon Government to become Village of Mayo with responsibilities to and for the community. At that time there were 3 permanent staff members- Manager, Secretary/Treasurer and Public Works Maintenance.

Traditional background: I've come to know how important the land connection is for our people, not only that it provides for us but how we value and acknowledge our duty to ensure we protect it for our future children inheritance. I grew up during the time when it was not okay to speak or teach our native language, I cherish the memories of listening to mom n those she visited speaking fluently in the language and how I thought it sounded musical. At this time, Yukon Native Language Centre (YNL) are engaging in language revitalization workshops in a few Yukon communities. Lessons were delivered by stories as Mom was a storyteller, with some captured on video. Respect, caring and sharing are lifelong lessons and teachings. The need for balance and being out on the land, connecting in real time and healing the body and spirit.

I see a need to strengthen citizens knowledge and engagement within our Government, to serve and preserve values, traditions and the culture of NND, the Northern Tutchone People. Would you be interested in learning more about our Final Agreements? Did you know your Government has 7 Laws with our Constitution as Paramount? Our Constitution was last amended in 2009, and the changes affect our Government Act 06-01 and Finance Act 06-02 adopted June 2006.

We have the Income Tax Act, the Privacy Act, The Lands n Resources Act of the FNNND. We have the Election Act of 2009. The Government and Finance Acts are outdated and need to be reviewed and revised accordingly. The Election Act, enacted 2009, the Election Committee reports to Council after Elections, point out the issues and possible corrections/amendments to be made to ensure future Elections run smooth and efficiently have not been carried out and are outstanding. Our Constitution needs to be reviewed to ensure it is working for us, I encourage you to put your name forward to sit on the committee.

We also have outstanding issues with our Enrollment office, there has been a freeze on accepting transfers over the last 5-6 years. Canada has made some changes in defining status requirements and making process easier with the proper paperwork, yet this has not come to the Assembly's attention. We have over 600 citizens, approximately 400-450 live in Yukon, and aprox 250 live in Mayo. We live across Canada, the U.S. and overseas. Our General Assembly occurs yearly in June in our traditional territory. Quorum consists of 25 citizens. We need you and your participation, again with today's technology, why are we not engaging and connecting with citizens where they live?

If elected, along with my duties, I will endeavor to

1. Rebuild the trust and engagement of citizens
2. Ensure our Laws and policies are updated and strengthened whilst protecting our Government.
3. Strengthen communications, and sharing of information
4. Review Coffee and Conversations, can this work?
5. Start the engagement and process to put Council on honorarium versus full time
6. Look into feasibility/cost of having an NND office in Whitehorse
7. Support and build up our Youth, the future leaders..
8. Protecting the Peel watershed will continue, along with other areas identified by Assembly
9. Supporting programs that get people back on the land
10. Continue to find programs to enhance wellness directives
11. Continue supporting educational excellence for all students
12. support YNL ongoing work in reviving our language and celebrating our successes
13. listen