

VOTE LISA WESLEY FOR KITSUMKALUM BAND COUNCILLOR

Hello, my name is Lisa Wesley (Ka-Nah-Tah) Gisbutwada from Wilp Daaxan. My paternal grandparents are the late Joseph and Winnifred Wesley.

Living and growing up in Kitsumkalum I have so many fun memories. Every night there was a

different program for the youth to participate. This is what inspired me to be a member of the Events Committee where we volunteer and fundraise for the youth and elders.

I was a member of the Kitsumkalum Land Code Committee that was voted and passed February 2020. Kitsumkalum can manage and protect reserve lands without the Government of Canada. I was also a committee member of Comprehensive Community Planning (CCP) and on the Kitsumkalum Hall Committee.

Learning the history and culture of Kitsumkalum is very important because it is our identity, where we came from, where our ancestors walked the lands and where they gathered food and moved with the seasons. With learning our history and culture, I have also joined Sm'algyax class to learn how to speak our language. I still have lots to learn about our history. I find attending our cultural duties and attending feasts with our children is great way of understanding culture and our history.

Communication is very important at all levels, all transactions result from communication and is essential to allow understanding of information.

Kitsumkalum has grown so much in all aspects. It's great to see community members move back home with the building of new houses. Employment has grown as Kitsumkalum businesses grow. I look forward to gathering again as a community getting back to our cultural events and sharing a meal.

Thank you for the opportunity to continue to serve the community. Thank you to those who nominated me. I will continue to do the best of my ability and be there to support the community of Kitsumkalum.

Thank you,

Lisa Wesley