

**HEILTSUK NATION**

**March 11, 2025 Elections**

**Chief Councillor  
Candidate Profiles  
Guide**

The contents of this guide are based on the Heiltsuk Custom Election Rules which require a 1-page biographical profile from each of the candidates.



## Ayla Brown for Chief Councillor

My Haiḷzaqv name is Nuáćia, and I am running for Chief Councillor because I care deeply about our people, our homelands, our waterways, and our future. I am committed to working alongside each of you to build a strong and resilient future, where our people, land, and economy thrive together.

I come from the 'Yísdáitǵv and 'Qvúqva'áitǵv. I belong to the house of láliyasila. My parents are Frank and Kathy Brown. My grandparents are the late Margaret Brown nee Hall and Jimmy Brown. I am proud to be Haiḷzaqv and Nuu-chah-nulth.

### Background and Experience

- **Heiltsuk Tribal Councillor from 2018 to 2022**, on the portfolios of Health, Education, Child & Family Services, Restorative Justice, Social Development, and Language House Post Lead. Secured funding for Climate Action, Language Revitalization, Child Welfare Jurisdiction and Community Wellness. Lead the successful implementation of the Language Revitalization Program, Urban Outreach Team and Pathway to Jurisdiction. Advocated for an increase in Social Assistance Rates. Worked with FNHA and Vancouver Coastal Health on positive policy change. Served on the board for the Health Centre, Kaxla Child & Family Services and Restorative Justice, also chaired the Haiḷzaqvḷa Authority Board. Successfully accomplished all my goals for my term.
- **BA & BEd in Indigenous Education & Social Emotional Learning, UBC**
- **Strategic advisor** to Haiḷzaqv Climate Action and Ahousaht First Nation on joint terms of reconciliation for wellness. **Strategic Planner:** Stz'uminus Education Society, Kackaamin Family Development Centre, Squamish Nation Language Department, Haiḷzaqvḷa Authority Board. Additional, 20 years of work experience in our community.

### Vision & Key Priorities:

- **Improving Community Wellness** with a focus on substance use with trauma-informed prevention, support, community care and enforcement.
- **Transparent and Accountable Governance** I commit to open communication, accessible information, meaningful community input, and ethical leadership.
- **Equitable Economic Opportunities**
  - **Sustainable development** that respects our homelands.
  - **Economic diversification** that creates opportunities for ALL Haiḷzaqv.
  - **Community benefit**, ensuring economic projects benefit the entire community.
  - **Society Equity**, addressing systemic barriers to economic participation, building our people up to ensure all Heiltsuk members have equal opportunities to succeed.

With a deep sense of responsibility and unwavering commitment, I pledge to serve the Haiḷzaqv Nation and work with you all toward a brighter future for our future generations. I am goal orientated and will work hard for us. I humbly and sincerely ask for your support and your vote.



### Reg's Work Experience and Contact Info

Co-Chair of the Westcapp Committee that distributed 7.2 million dollars to hard hit fishing communities

Currently serving a four year term for the Kaxla Child and Family services Board

A current board member for the Native Brotherhood of BC

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Contact Reg Moody

### Reg Moody-Humchitt

#### Candidate for Heiltsuk Tribal Council Chief

Reg-Moody Humchitt is a member of the Heiltsuk Nation, serving as an elected Tribal Council Member for over 18 years. With a commitment to advocating for Heiltsuk Aboriginal rights and well being.

Reg is proud to be the son of Johnny and Lavinia Moody-Humchitt, and he cherishes his family, including his wife Ramona and their children, Lauren, Vincent, and Allen and two beautiful grandchildren Ari and Draya.

Reg has worked by the past three and a half years for the Heiltsuk Integrated Resource Management Department. This time included working as the Research Coordinator for the HIRMD Office. My main responsibility was to ensure that every tourist operator had formal MOU's with our Nation and benefits like a community fund, dollar amount for every visitor, and an education fund for our youth

Currently I am working as the Kisameet Liaison Coordinator for the HIRMD office. We are currently undertaking a review process with the tenure holders.

**Reg's experience includes:**

7.5 years as Executive Director and Assistant Negotiator for Heiltsuk Aboriginal rights, focusing on the 1996 SCC Gladstone decision, which led to significant achievements such as the recent ratification of a \$75 million compensation for our members and an increase in the SOK quota from 240,000 lbs to 304,000 lbs

18 years as an elected Tribal Councillor.

- 7 years as a Central Coast Regional District board member,

including 4 years as chair of CCRD and Chair of the Bella Coola hospital board.

During this time with CCRD Reg was also a voting member of the Municipal Finance Authority.

4 years as Communication Coordinator for the Heiltsuk Treaty Office

- Reg has serves as the Resilient Emergency Coordinator for the Central Coast Regional District, representing Hagensburg, Ocean Falls, Shearwater, Bella Bella, and Rivers Inlet.

He was also the co-chair of the BC Ferry Advisory for the Central

# Káwáził Marilyn Slett

## RE-ELECT FOR CHIEF COUNCILLOR

### FAMILY

Daughter of Bessie & Randy Carpenter Sr.  
Siblings Randy Jr & Nicole Carpenter  
Married to Rick Slett, mother of Jesse & Rex Slett  
Auntie to Tracy & Aurora, sister-in-law to Denise Carpenter

### RECENT ADDITIONS!

Daughter-in-law Racheal & grandchildren Mordecai & Rita

Marilyn's great great grandfather was Captain Richard Carpenter, Yímás, a renowned Heiltsuk master artist and boat builder. He and his son, Marilyn's great grandfather, were both boat builders who built schooners and traditional canoes.

Káwáził Marilyn Slett is a citizen of the Heiltsuk Nation and the elected Chief Councillor of the Heiltsuk Tribal Council. She is currently serving her 4th consecutive term as Chief Councillor, beginning in 2008.

### EXPERIENCE

- **President**, Coastal First Nations/Great Bear Initiative
- **Secretary Treasurer**, Union of BC Indian Chiefs
- **Member**, Vancouver Coastal Health Board of Directors
- **Member**, Pacific Pilotage Authority Board

Previously:

- **BC Assembly of First Nations Women's Representative**, National Assembly of First Nations Women's Council
- **Co-Chair**, BC Wild Salmon Advisory Council (appt. by Premier Horgan)
- **Board of Directors**, BC Assembly of First Nations

Marilyn has guided the Nation on major endeavours focused on **protecting Heiltsuk title and rights** and **British Columbia's marine health**. Marilyn views Heiltsuk title and rights and way of life as intrinsically connected to a **protected and healthy coastal environment**.

### ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Leading through the devastation and litigation on the **Nathan E. Stewart oil spill**
- Participating in Federal Court proceedings **quashing approval for the Enbridge Northern Gateway Project**
- Reforming environmental legislation, including parliamentary submissions to bring into force **Bill C-48 - Oil Tanker Moratorium Act**, which **protects the coast from oil spills**
- Leading Heiltsuk's delegation in the **National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls**
- Promoting **human rights** of Heiltsuk members before the **Human Rights Tribunal** and the **Police Complaint Commissioner**
- Addressing ongoing challenges with **racism in the RCMP**, including removal of an officer who made racist statements
- Fighting for **members with Heiltsuk ancestry** against **discrimination from ISC eligibility rules and the 2nd gen. cutoff**
- Supporting **advocacy for survivors** of Indian Day School
- Implementing the **Heiltsuk Declaration of Title and Rights** and the building of the **Heiltsuk Big House** in Bella Bella
- Supported pathway to develop our **Haitzaqv Constitution** over the last 15 years



MOVING FORWARD TOGETHER

### EDUCATION

- **Andrew Thompson Award**, 2024, change-makers for environmental justice, West Coast Environmental Law
- **Senate Award for Community Leadership**, 2019, emphasis on ocean protection
- Diploma in **Public Sector Management**, 2010, University of Victoria
- Certificate in **Administration of Indigenous Governments**, 2009, University of Victoria
- **Leadership Certificate Program**, 2007, Vancouver Community College
- **Studies in Indigenous Policy & Admin**, ongoing, Carleton University,

### ENTREPRENEURSHIP

Marilyn is the proud owner of **Rainfall Gallery & Gifts**, which supports **Indigenous artists and artisans**. Rainfall focuses on **showcasing the art of Indigenous women**.

Learning from leaders before me, we have had incredible leaders that have shaped my world view of leadership along with my mother & father who instilled my hard work ethic and my value to never give up.