



## **DEANNA LEWIS**

KÁLKALILH FOR SQUAMISH NATION CHIEF AND COUNCIL

**Voice for our People**

**Cultural Ambassador**

**Wants Change**

**Sḵwḵwú7mesh Teacher**

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## **PLATFORM**

### **Sense of Community-Voice for Squamish Valley, Housing and Education**

**Sense of Community:** Strive to bring Community back to the table. Advocating for nation members and being Transparent and Honest. We Need Electoral Reform!!!

**Voice for Squamish Valley:** We have big concerns in the Valley. Out of sight out of mind! Especially NO LNG!!! I have a voice and I know how use it. I have training in facilitating and counseling and SuperHost so I have great communication skills and will not let anyone bully me at the table.

**Housing Crisis:** Half of our members live off-reserve. We have initiatives starting but it needs to be a big Priority. I have lived off reserve most of my life! Rent pieces are increasing.

**Education:** Investing in our Children's Education and students learning our Sḵwḵwú7mesh Language and bringing them back to work for our Nation. Both of my older children are in Post Secondary and that is my wish for all our Youth! U'siyam

## **Work Experience**

Sḵwḵwú7mesh Language Teacher-Squamish Education Department 8 years

First Nations Teacher-School District #48 Don Ross Secondary Grade 8/9 for 6 years

Sea Kayak and Cultural Interpretive Guide Talaysay Tours for 15 years

Head Cultural Interpretive Guide-Squamish Lilwat Cultural Centre

## Education History

Currently in Skwxwú7mesh Immersion-Simon Fraser University 2017

Squamish Language 101-102-Capilano University 2016-2017

Teachers Instructors Diploma-Vancouver Community College 2011

Tourism Business Management -Capilano 2005

Graduated High School-Carson Graham 1996

## Community Involvement

Coached soccer for fifteen years; CEO and Head Coach for Squamish Thunder Youth Soccer Association. Six teams, ages 3 years old to Adult (Hosted Annual Tournament 8 years)

Soccer Player for 35 years-Representing Squamish Nation

Sharing our Rich Skwxwú7mesh Heritage with Welh Tima Kexwusem Dance Group

Activist against LNG and Kinder Morgan Pipelines

Attended General Meetings and Housing and Financial Meetings and Electoral Reform Community Meetings

Volunteer at Squamish Siyam Annual Pow wow and Veterans Pow wow

Participated in Many Tribal Canoe Journeys and Pulling Together Journeys since I was 16 years old

## Accomplishments

World traveler for soccer; player and ambassador. Countries travelled: Brazil, Argentina, Austria, Germany, Italy, Netherlands, Australia, U.S.A. Cuba, and New Zealand.

2 Gold Medals from the North American Indigenous Games in Edmonton and Minnesota

Received Young Adult Achievement Award from Aboriginal Tourism BC for work related with the Squamish Lil'wat Cultural Centre.