## **Chief Tracey Woods** - Nominee



Hello my name is Tracey Woods; my traditional name is Gwilxs Waax (Paddle back to your roots) from Wilps Gyetem Galdoo/Skii km Lax Ha, of the Lax See'l clan. Born and raised in the North, I continue to call Gitanmaax home and am actively involved in community.

I have worked in the Administrative/Education field for 25 years. I have served as an elected Council member on the Gitanmaax Band Council for 6 terms, the latter 2 terms as the Elected Chief Councillor; as a part of the Band Council, in my role as the elected Chief I am the appointed representative to the Gitksan Government Commission Board of Directors as well as to Board of Directors for the Gitanmaax Development Corporation.

It is important to help build positive, well-functioning boards, while maintaining personal identity and integrity. We need to empower our communities and let them have a voice in directing and guiding the path as we work towards improving health programs and service delivery for not only the 54 communities in the Northwest region but for all First Nations in BC.

I am committed to being an active Board member, being involved and ready to do the work needed while being attentive to all aspects of the communities served; knowledge and awareness is what will fuel actions in a way that will truly serve the needs of the communities and address any concerns/issues.