

Vote Lissa Smith for Vice President

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Lissa has been a dedicated representative for Vancouver Island Communities and Metis Citizens for two four year terms.

Biography

Lissa is a proud Métis woman, who currently lives in Greater Victoria, with her partner Roland. Lissa was born in Port Alberni BC and has lived on Vancouver Island most of her life, growing up in the Parksville/Qualicum area.

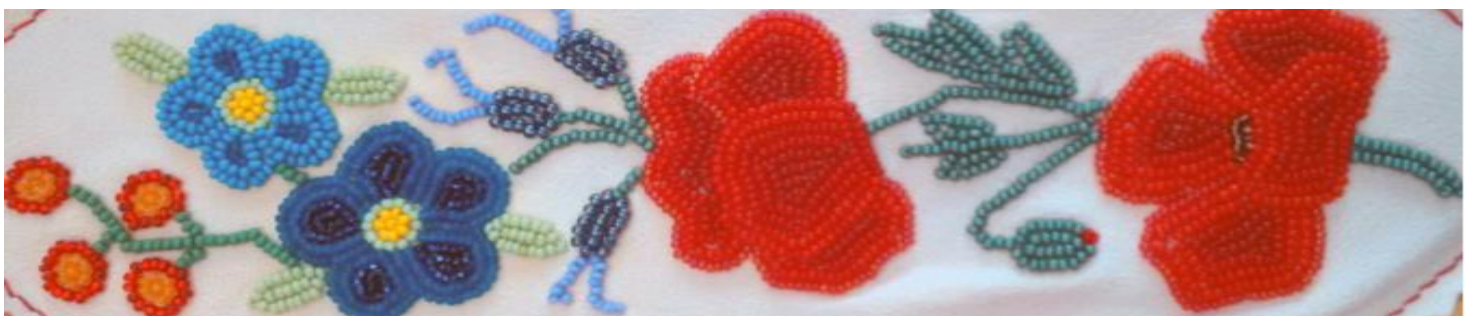
She is the mother of two grown daughters, and proud Grandmother of three grandsons.

Lissa found out about her Métis Roots later in life and encourages all Métis people to become connected with their local Métis community. Our communities are where we share culture, kinship and a sense of belonging as extended family. The reconciliation of self with heritage supports our sense of identity, and is so important to moving forward in our journey. Embracing her Métis identity and heritage has been a positive and strengthening experience, becoming a supportive foundation in her life.

Lissa first found out about her ties with Lytton First Nations and was welcomed home in ceremony there in 2003, She later made the connection with her Cree Ancestry from Moose Factory, and then the connection with her Metis Roots from the Red River Settlement. In 2012 Lissa was awarded the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee medal for her 14 years of work with Aboriginal Veterans.

Career & Education

- University of Victoria (UVIC) with a Bachelor of Social Work degree, Indigenous Specialization.
- UVIC Coordinator for the Native Students Union (current)
- Province of BC Ministry of Human Resources case worker
- Child and Family Social Worker, within First Nation communities
- Emergency Management at the Justice Institute of BC
- Appointed as the Alternate Director of the Emergency Social Services, City of Parksville
- Registered Gladue Report writer, with Aboriginal Legal Services Society





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MNBC Experience

- MNBC Region 1 Director since 2007
- Metis Nation of Greater Victoria President and Vice-President 2005-2007
- MNBC Ministerial Appointments, Veterans, Child and Families and Health
- MNBC Governance Committee Chair
- Metis National Council Metis Rights Panel representative for MNBC

Why vote for Lissa?



- Lissa has proven herself to be knowledgeable, well-informed in Metis Nation governance
- Lissa has a strong voice and is a very active participant in all matters regarding MNBC governance.
- She believes that the inherent rights of Métis citizens are the foundation of sound governance, strong leadership and community consultation.
- Believes we need to be more effective in communication with our Metis Citizens
- Believes in transparency and accountability
- Believes our communities are the foundation of our Nation
- Will strongly advocate for funding for our communities
- Will strongly advocate for hunting, fishing and harvesting rights
- Supports enhanced education funds for our Metis Citizens
- Will advocate for Health **benefits** for our Metis Citizens
- Believes that Regional hubs need to be created to provide **services** to our **Metis Citizens**

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