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Lydia Hwitsum is the current Chief of Cowichan Tribes, a First Nations Band comprised of nine villages in the Cowichan Valley, and currently the largest Coast Salish Tribe in British Columbia. Lydia graduated from University of Victoria's Law School, studied Native Law at the University of Saskatchewan, and completed the Administration of Aboriginal Government, Public Sector Management, and Conflict Resolution courses. Hul'qumi'num language study is ongoing and remains important to her. She continues to advocate for self-governance, Aboriginal and human rights, and youth and has represented these matters on a local and international front.