

MELISSA DAWN ATKINSON



STORY: Melissa is a member of the Wolf Clan and of Han, Kaska, and Tlingit descent. She was born and raised in Whitehorse.

Melissa was the first Yukon First Nation Crown prosecutor. She worked for the federal Crown Prosecution Department, Legal Aid and then Aboriginal Legal Services of Ontario. Melissa served as Chair of the Yukon Human Rights Commission, sat as President of the Canadian Bar Association's Yukon Branch, and ran as a NDP candidate in the 2015 federal election.

Melissa will be remembered as a humble, hardworking, compassionate person with a strong desire to better society and help all people from all walks of life.