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Michipicoten First Nation

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MICHIPICOTEN FIRST NATION

Polling Notice - General Election

Notice is hereby given to eligible voters of the Michipicoten First Nation Indian Band that a General Election poll will be held Saturday March 20th, 2021 to elect one (1) Chief and six (6) Councillors of the Band, and that such poll will be open from nine (9:00) o'clock a.m. local time until eight (8:00) o'clock p.m. local time at the **Michipicoten First Nation Band Hall, 107 Hiawatha Drive, Michipicoten First Nation.**

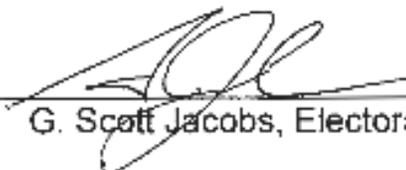
I will count the votes that same day, Saturday March 20th, 2021, at the same location immediately after the close of the poll and declare the results of the election.

All members of Michipicoten First Nation, whether they are living on-reserve or off-reserve, who are eighteen (18) years of age or older on Saturday the 20th day of March 2021 are eligible voters and may cast a ballot in person or by mail-in.

Eligible voters living on and off-reserve, for whom a last-known address is made available to the Electoral Officer by the Michipicoten First Nation, shall be sent a mail-in ballot package.

Eligible voters who receive a mail-in ballot package may attend the poll and vote in person but, in doing so, shall forfeit the count of their mail-in ballot.

Given under my hand at Michipicoten First Nation, January 16th, 2021.



G. Scott Jacobs, Electoral Officer

If you have any questions, please call me or Karen Jacobs at (705) 741-3773, or by e-mail at scott.jacobs@sympatico.ca.

Notice to Electorate

Nominees on Ballot

For the Michipicoten First Nation Election to be held on March 20, 2021, the following names will appear on the ballot for Chief:

**LAPHAM, MISHELE-LEE (SHELE)
LESAGE, RYAN
LEWIS, LAVERNE (CHRISTOPHER)
TANGIE, PATRICIA (PAT)**

For the Michipicoten First Nation Election to be held on March 20, 2021, the following names will appear on the ballot for Councillor:

**ARMSTRONG, IRENE
BROWN, B. MARILYN
CHAPMAN, WANITA
CHURCHILL, DENISE
DELUCO (O'LEARY), CONNIE
DEMARY, JANET (NEE TREMBLAY)
DONEY-FRASER, SANDRA
DUPUIS (BOISSONEAU), DIEDRE
HIEBERT (CAMPBELL), KATHRYN
HUMPHRIES, DONNIE
LAPHAM, JEANNETTE
LEWIS, CHRISTINE
MOREAU, SHERRY E.
PANHUYZEN, LAURA (NEE SAMAKESE)
PERRAULT, DAN
PETERSON, LINDA G.
PRICE, VALYNE JUDY
ROBINSON-EDGAR, VERLYN
STONE, EVELYN**

The Polling Station for the Election will be located at the Michipicoten First Nation Band Hall. Voting will be held for One Chief and Six Councillor positions. All mail-out ballots to off-reserve members will be mailed out as of January 23, 2021.

Thank You.

Scott Jacobs
Electoral Officer

Sent Electronically

Patricia Tangie – Candidate for Chief

Ahniin, Boozoo Relatives!

The Michipicoten Elections are just around the corner once again. I was very happy to see the number of interested candidates running. It shows a desire to become involved in Michipicoten's growth & advancement. I was especially encouraged to see young people nominating & running for office. I would like to acknowledge & thank current Councillor John Paul Chalykoff for his service, dedication & thoughtful view over his past two terms of office. Best wishes go with you in your educational goals JP. We need young people like you who have two-eyed seeing. People who can see from both a traditional & a western perspective to help guide our words & actions.

My political objectives this term have not wavered far from the first time I presented myself in a Michipicoten election. I still maintain that Michipicoten will benefit from my leadership based on:

Community Engagement: We were a little sidetracked last year with COVID-19 rearing its ugly head. As much as COVID was a detriment, it was also a blessing. We have now found a way to continue engaging our citizens at potentially much larger capacities. Our first Zoom session for citizens was in October 2020. *The next zoom meeting will be on February 25, 2021, from 6:00-8:00pm.* Social media platforms in the days ahead will have more information.

A few areas I will continue to develop & expect to conclude in 2021 are our genealogy study. This study is anticipated to identify Michipicoten families from 1850, the year the Treaty was signed to 1960. Those of us alive can piece together citizens from 1960 to current day. Our Michipicoten Story is also expected to be concluded this year. Your family story is our collective story. They will become an important part of Michipicoten's growth & advancement for our next seven generations.

We also had a movie filmed at Michipicoten. "Brotherhood," directed by Richard Bell is a touching true story drama released in December 2019. All of the water & land scenes are at Michipicoten. It's great to see the names of our citizens on the film credits. If you haven't seen it, I recommend you watch it. One of the links can be found at: <https://www.superchannel.ca/show/72150112/brotherhood>

Teamwork: Our Council don't always agree on everything. We know what's important, under my Leadership, we will always work as a respectful Team in the best interest of you, our citizens. We will continue to invite Creator & our Ancestors to join us in our decision-making processes for future generations. We will continue to build & support strong a administrative foundation with our dedicated staff. It would be great to have citizens, answer job postings. If you have skills & expertise, we need you!



Financial Management: Over the past four years of my leadership, we have successfully decreased Federal Government funding from 41.7% to 16.2% in 2020. Payments from our partnership agreements went from 7% in 2016 to 38.3% in 2020. For the first time since I became Chief, we now have an accurate picture of Michipicoten's finances. We are becoming a self-sufficient Nation! The Partnership Agreements our Negotiation Team is building and the Economic Development Corporation created to manage partnership contracts will enable us secure our future.

Environmental Vigilance: Michipicoten is becoming known as a leader in balancing economics & environmental integrity. Through a partnership agreement that was inherited, our negotiating Team was able to save four lakes in the vicinity of a regional mining operation. We continue to hold provincial & federal governments & resource-based industries accountable to ensure the continuance of life for our future generations.

In 2018, I was blessed to lead our Caribou Team in the successful translocation of caribou relatives. Under the management of the MNRF our relatives were facing extinction by wolves on Michipicoten Island. Michipicoten young adults were involved in the translocation & some of the data collection since.

I continue to work with a current Provincial Minister. He has agreed to an aerial caribou inventory of the North Shore of Lake Superior that Michipicoten will lead. I continue to petition that Minister to allow us to move any caribou we see on the mainland to Slate Island which is safe from predators. I have secured funding from Nextbridge an energy partner to help us develop a Caribou Management Plan that will involve our young adults. In all of my work, I am very mindful of how we have to find balance. Our decisions today will affect our generations to come.

All this to say, Chi-Miigwetch/Many Thanks, to those of you who have continued to support me in this fascinating journey as your Gimaa Kwe/Chief. I look forward to the days ahead & humbly ask for your continued support. Together, we can move away from being victims to being the strong, independent, self sustaining people our Ancestors intended us to be, we can be victors!

I am aware that an incumbent running for office has some advantages over other candidates. In an effort to minimize that advantage, please feel free to email me at my personal email address tangie.pat@gmail.com. I will get back to you by email or phone within 24 hours.

Chi-Miigwetch!

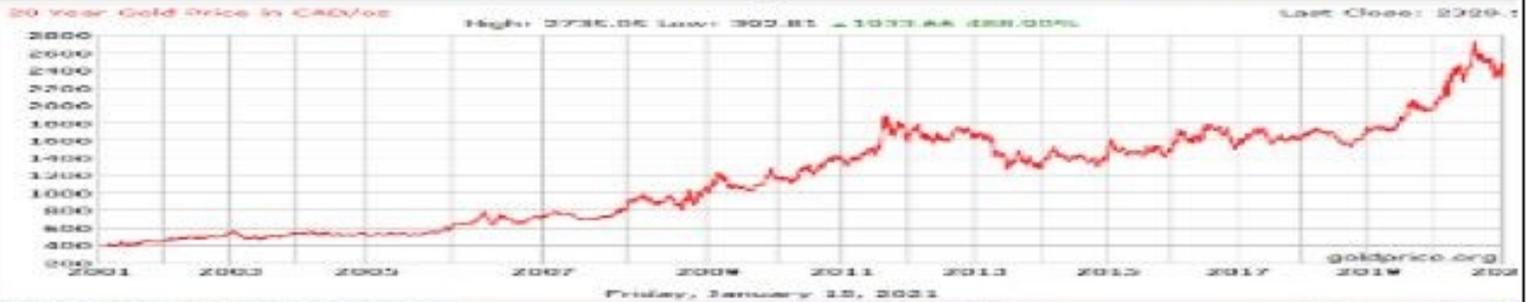
For consistent, progressive change, on March 20, 2021 – VOTE PATRICIA TANGIE for CHIEF



Vote MiShele-Lee Lapham for Chief



20 Year Gold Price History in Canadian Dollars per ounce



MINERAL DEPOSITS CENTRAL ONTARIO

Lake Superior

- Producing Gold Mine
- Gold Deposit Prospect
- Other Major Deposits/Prospect



Aanln fellow Members of Michipicoten First Nation, it is an honor to be nominated (to which I proudly & humbly accept), for Chief of our Community by our elders who will tell you that I have worked hard for all of our Members before. I have integrity & have always been fair & equal with only the best interest of our Membership while I served prior Chief & Council. I hope that you will find me the most beneficial candidate and vote me as your new Chief on March 20th, 2021. I have the *Qualifications necessary to fulfill this role bringing vast* - **Knowledge & Experience** in:

- ✓ **Private Commercial Business**
- ✓ **First Nation Private Business**
- ✓ **First Nation Financing**
- ✓ **First Nation Non-Profit Organization's Governance & Administration (Attended over 120 Chief & Council Meetings, including The Finance Committee Annual Budgets)**
- **Previously** ✓ **have owned two of my own commercial companies**
- ✓ **worked for MFN for 10 years**
- **Established Partnerships with:**
 - ✓ **Sault College**
 - ✓ **The Heritage Bushplane Museum (Mascot Chopper in picture)**
 - ✓ **government agencies**
 - ✓ **Aboriginal Affairs Canada**
- **lived on first nation communities**
- **I hold a degree in Law & Justice & currently completing my Honour's Degree in Law & Justice.**
- **I am gaining experience as a Law Clerk for a Law Firm that deals only with First Nation legal matters.**
- **I am the granddaughter of Thomas & Nancy Robinson, (deceased), my mother is Jeannette Lapham, who is also running for Councillor.**

If elected to be your Chief on March 20th, 2021, I will acquire our fair share of Profits from the local Mining Corporations in our Territory within the first 6 months of my term. We have agreements already established with them, (2004 Chief Buckell), to date, they have not paid us a dime, if they have we the members have not seen any of it. The Mining Industry is expanding within our Territory with the price of Gold predicted to increase to 3000 points on the Stock market this year. "In Accordance with the Northern Ontario Business Staff, (Dec 2020), Arqonaut Gold is to start construction this year on the open-pit Magino Mine and processing mill. Magino is located next to Alamos' Island Gold Mine Alamos Gold doubles its land base near Dubreuilville - totals approximately 40 per cent of Magino's initial capital estimate between \$480 million and \$510 million - As many as 550 construction jobs and 350 mining jobs - Alamos operates Island Gold Mine -Young-Davidson Mine, Matachewan - the Mulatos mine, Sonora State Mexico -gold exploration projects -development in the pipeline in Canada, the U.S., Mexico & Turkey -Arqonaut acquired in 2012 - first gold pour at Magino in 2023 - projected as a "scalable, long-life asset," capable of producing 150,000 ounces a year over the first five years of an estimated 17-year mine life."



Michipicoten First Nation

Vote MiShele-Lee Lapham for Chief - March 20, 2021

I can be reached at 705-941-0872, call or send me a text message, or by email at mlapham@algomau.ca

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MFN is surrounded by big, filthy rich corporations who can spare us a few bucks! We need to take action now and get our fair share of the Millions of dollars of gold revenues being extracted from our lands. We have to hold these corporations accountable for monetary benefits that have not been given to us for the past 20 years, before markets crash and we lose out again. **Monies acquired from the Mining corporations will be distributed to the Membership through a new Personal Cash Distribution** payment that will *not* be first come, first served, due to increase in our Membership. Our current Better Living Policy which is now on a first come first serve basis, is being depleted. Members are being robbed of what is rightfully theirs. I intend on creating a **new benefit** so that Members with various different needs have those needs met, in a timely manner and not just once a year. No matter how many new or old Members we have, everyone will get benefits.

Elect me as our Chief on March 20th, 2021, I will start charging non status companies a tax or tariff for working in our territory, on our lands, taking away jobs from our Members. A percentage of the money that we get from the companies working in our Traditional Territory will be given to the Member that is losing out on profit's. We will set money aside for Economic Development opportunities that are voted on by the Membership. These are just some of my idea's, we will do everything with a Collective decision moving forward utilizing the voting system. **We need to work together to get stronger, to get bigger and to be self-sustainable for the next generation that follows after us. Elect me as our Chief on March 20th, 2021, with all of your support behind me, I promise to provide opportunities & benefits equally to all our Family members of Michipicoten First Nation, not just a select few.**

I have demonstrated that I am able to acquire funding below, along with a few successful funding applications for our first nation over a period of years from Aboriginal Affairs Canada. I **have the ability, dedication, knowledge, education & experience necessary to provide MFN Membership with more opportunities for both ON & OFF RESERVE Members such as;** • New Housing opportunities both On & Off Reserve for everyone • Water treatment centre • Business Development Industrial Park • Employment • Training • On Reserve Education • Traditional Culture & Grandfather Teachings • Ojibway Language Education for all members (Online) • Economic Development Opportunities for small business ventures such as Office space for small businesses on OUR First Nation • aid in acquiring small business funding • Partnerships for employment opportunities with other first nation communities • Increasing our Membership to ensure family inclusiveness and welcome all new members. Members will decide through a democratic process what opportunities we will pursue, or not pursue, by voting on all Projects, or Proposals that benefit all Members. All decision will be made together **as one united FAMILY**. This is what all of our neighboring First Nations are doing and already providing to their Membership. **Chi-Miigwetch**



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Hello Michipicoten First Nation Membership:

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself and give thanks to fellow members Mike Peterson and Brandon Andre for nominating me for the position of Chief.

I am a father of two beautiful twin daughters and reside in Sault Ste. Marie with my family. Currently, most of my time is spent within the community of Michipicoten First Nation where I am employed at the Environmental Monitor. I have been employed in this position for 4 months. Previous to my employment with MFN, I spent 6 years with Alamos Gold as a driller and 10 years with Cobra Drilling as Diamond Driller.

I was fortunate enough to be one of the few youth to grow up in Michipicoten First Nation and truly experience the challenges faced by our people in today's society. Much of my younger years were influenced by the economic and political achievements made by our previous leadership. Through my years as a young man, I have come to develop social ties with many of our membership from all ages and different walks of life. This experience has provided me with a wealth of knowledge surrounding the well-being of MFN people, their lands, rights, development, infrastructure and most importantly, their needs.

I have a deep love for our community and intend to lead our people with a grass roots approach, guided by fairness, honesty, respect and transparency.

I encourage all members to participate in this years election and let your voice be heard. Please vote, every voice matters.

Should you wish to contact me personally, I can reached at ryan_lesage100@outlook.com.

Ryan G. Lesage



Aaniin/Boozhoo

I am seeking re-election as a Councillor. Born and raised in Hawk Junction I am the proud grandson of Kate Souliere. I'm retired and presently live in Wawa with my wife Barb.

As an experienced Councillor of eight years, I bring the following strengths to the position:

...I am well educated. I attended university for six years and have a Master of Social Work degree.

...I'm an excellent listener and problem solver. I worked over 30 years for a child welfare agency helping at-risk children.

...I have strong leadership, communication and organizational skills. I was a supervising manager for 25 years of my professional career, overseeing a departmental staffing of six and a yearly operating budget of over two million dollars.

...I value commitment, integrity and vision and believe in teamwork, hard work and excellence.



If re-elected, the following principles will guide me during my term as Councillor:

FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY....Council must closely monitor Band spending and ensure that MFN revenue is spent in a wise, sound, prudent, efficient and cost effective manner. MFN is beginning to profit financially as a result of funding from Impact Benefit Agreements with various Mining and Power Companies. The incoming dollars are your dollars, and you should be the primary recipient of these dollars.

INCLUSIVENESS....At least 95 percent of MFN members live off reserve. It's also important to note, according to Anishinabek Nation, that the number of youth (age 0 to 16) living on reserves is declining. MFN would be wise to empower our off reserve members. I'm not saying we ignore the needs of those living on reserve, but I strongly believe our off reserve citizens deserve equal attention. Think 20 years from now: Our off reserve members, especially those under the age of 45, will be our Nation's leaders and primary resource. Let's start by establishing an Urban Sub-Office in SSM.

CHILDREN AND ELDERS FIRST....Children are sacred and our future leaders. In addition to teaching and nurturing them, I think we would all agree that Educating our children and youth should be a priority. Increasing the grade 12 graduation rates among our youth must be a priority for MFN. Plus, what supports can MFN offer to those attending College or University to ensure they succeed?

I must again reference Anishinabek Nation, who state that the growth of First Nation seniors (65+) in Ontario, both on and off reserve, is projected to increase significantly over the next 5 to 10 years. MFN is seeing a rise in its older population, and many of our elders today face a lot of day to day struggles. Our elders deserve better. MFN needs to develop a strategy that tackles the barriers affecting the well-being of our aging members.

GOOD GOVERNANCE....Much of MFN's success is dependent upon ethical, passionate and knowledgeable leaders who are transparent, accountable and honest. But at its core, good governance is about You and Trust. You can trust me to always do the right thing and keep what is in your best interest at the forefront of my decision making.

Meegwitch for believing in me over the last eight years. I'm asking you to trust me one last time, and vote for me on March 20th.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact me via phone ([705-852-2255](tel:705-852-2255)) or email (donhumphries1983@gmail.com). Baamaapii.

Anni,

Miigwech for the honor of nominating me in the upcoming election. If successful I pledge to listen to the voices and concerns of all our members.

Let me tell you a little bit about myself. My name is Diedre Dupuis and my bloodline traces back to the Souliere family on my Mom's side and the Boissoneau family on my Dad's side. My amazing parents are Joanne (nee Skouris) and (the late) Derrick Boissoneau who raised me to respect my Elders, be the helper I am today, care for others, and softly walk on Mother Earth.

I reside not too far from Michipicoten in the greatest little town of Hawk Junction with my husband Dave and son Cruz, who is an "old soul" at heart and my pride and joy.

I love the outdoors especially on the water and in my spare time I like to read and spend time with my family. Spending as much time enjoying what Mother Earth has to offer us such as, hiking, fishing, kayaking, and golfing, as well as always upgrading my education online.

I am employed as a Client Care Coordinator for Maamwesying North Shore Community Health Services where we provide primary health care services to the area First Nations and Indigenous Urban families in Wawa and Chapleau. Our motto is "Maamwesying kina gweyahn N`minobimaadizing - working as one for the well-being of all". Like this motto, I will relate it to the council table - bring us all working together for the well-being of all. With this said, let's stop driving that wedge between us and eliminate the term on-reserve, off-reserve. Are we not one Nation?

My passion in life is to continue my cultural path in protecting Mother Earth and to be able to teach our future and present generations how to protect our natural resources, animals, fish, birds, and water.

Our young minds of today are our leaders of tomorrow. With proper education and teachings, our youth can become strong independent leaders of tomorrow. I will push for more education/entrepreneurship for all members. I am one of those young minds and I pledge to be there with an open mind and a voice for our young people bringing their questions and concerns to the forefront as well as concerns of all members. The council table needs a blend and fresh perspective to help with their critical thinking and crucial decision making and I can do that.

Exercise your rights and vote, send in your voters' ballot ASAP or vote in person at the Band Hall (being mindful of the Covid restrictions) Saturday, March 20th, 2021. I promise to be your eyes, ears, and voice at the Council table, please mark your X beside Diedre (Boissoneau) Dupuis.

I welcome you to contact me on my cell (705) 914-1140 or by email: diedreerica@outlook.com.



Miigwech / Thank You

Education, Equality and Unity for all Citizens

Ahniin, Boozhoo Kiinaweya

Kiwedinong nungos kwe diizhinikaz

Makwa Dodem

Michipicoten Doon jiibaa

Linda Peterson

Hello Everyone

North Star Woman is my Spirit Name

I am of the Bear Clan

Michipicoten is where I am from

Given Name



A brief Bio

I am married to Douglas Peterson – 30 yrs this year. We are a strong family unit of three children, six grandchildren, and one beautiful great granddaughter. I was employed at Michipicoten First Nation for 18 yrs as Education Counsellor and Indian Registry Administrator, retiring in 2018. Over the years I have been on council for 3 terms.

Education and language have been my passion most of my life. I have volunteered at our local public school in the Ojibway language program, assisted teachers with developing a curriculum for the language class for grades 1-8, and participated in the cultural room with the children. I have been fortunate to participate in and assist in planning gatherings that have brought together membership/citizens on and off reserve, and their families. I very much look forward to when we can do that again. I represented Michipicoten throughout the negotiation process of the Anishinabek Education System, and which I am currently a Board Member.

I represent Michipicoten on the Board of Biidahbin Healing Lodge, Language Revitalization Committee, Region 2 representative on AES, Michipicoten Housing and Education Committee. Initiated various programs to assist the students and tracking funds. Throughout my employment at Michipicoten First Nation as Education and Indian Registry Administrator I gained vast knowledge of our citizens and their families which is the most valuable part of it all and the connection is still there

I have always had the opinion that Education, Equality and Unity should always be at the forefront. In following conversations across the world wide web, it has led me to one specific area and that is mixed-communication, or not enough communication across the board of our total citizenship. If unity and equality with our citizenship, we have to look at our overall citizenship and make it as transparent as possible to all. The recent methods are the MFN website, Facebook, newsletters and flyers. During current times we are unable to have community meetings in parts of the province where significant numbers of members reside as we have done in the past. I support the necessity to develop policies to ensure that the practice will be information sharing with membership/citizens ahead of major decisions.

It is very important that our citizenship is always at the forefront of decision-making processes because they are the driving force of any First Nation, and they need to be informed before not after decisions have been made.

Having that feeling of inclusion will bring us forward to a more unified and equally treated citizenship. It will create a unified mindset if everyone is on the same page. This will bring our citizens to an equal atmosphere and cohesiveness in moving towards a brighter future for Michipicoten. Communication is important; however keep in mind that Indian and Aboriginal Affairs are still hovering above our heads under section 10. of the Indian Act. And, with that come many stipulations, unbelievable and unfair restrictions placed on First Nations limiting to servicing most times only to on-reserve, and off reserve are not included. This is a reality that exists and totally disillusions any First Nation Community and its overall citizens. It is not at the Council Table or Band Office that makes these decisions. they already exist. In unity we become a stronger First Nation with the strength to move forward and taking care that encompasses what we as Anishinabe are gifted with. With these we need our people with sacred knowledge and the ones with education, together it can balance what we create for our future generations and taking care of Mother Earth through land negotiations, mining industry and forestry for the betterment of all. We will have the strength to work together. I will do my best to help citizens express their concerns and bring them to the leadership table to be heard.

Chi Miigwetch

Linda G. Peterson

Boozhoo, Aaniin

My name is Evelyn Stone, I have lived here on MFN all my life. I have 3 adult children and today I have 4 awesome grandchildren. I also have my beautiful mom who still is our guiding light for us, my two brothers and my sister who lives on the Squamish Nation in BC. We are filled with unconditional love for the land and all its beauty. That is how we were raised, on the land. My mom and I can still butcher a moose in a short time and sharing this teaching with the grandchildren. So grateful today for the guidance from my dad and mom during our childhood years. Today I share the teachings I have learned with my grandchildren, they are awesome and pick up on Ceremony so fast. It is good to be out on the land, with our Tobacco and show appreciation for whatever the journey of the day is.

I have been in many rolls from leadership, health, management, volunteer for many organizations and sit on several boards for the best interest of our First Nation. Weather it be as in the leadership roll or just represent our beautiful community in the best way possible.

I am seeking to represent you for another term on council this election of 2021. It is my vision for the future journey to hold hands for the betterment of prosperity for all the members of MFN near and far. One of the many issues we have today is reaching the whole of the members and how do we do that. I've always said, "We need to talk to all and listen to what is of concern/issues from everyone, no matter the age." We look at the children, when you look and see there are no smiles on our little ones, I think, what could we do to put that smile for them to share? I have been experiencing meetings on Zoom. Well I think if we can do this for council or other meetings, why can't it be done like that. I don't know too much on tech now a days but I am sure we can do our council meetings as such. Our membership letter that goes out quarterly should be filled with news of our office, community and you, send in your sharing moments with all. Maybe you haven't seen your family, extended family because of COVID, this I feel can keep us with the hope that tomorrow will be a better day. Showing appreciation of our family exciting moments in a new job, school, addition to family, or just share what life is like today.

I know we have not moved in the community on the First Nation. There has been some movement forward with building relationships with companies in and around the area. This is good but we also need to have a strategic plan on how to proceed with development so we can grow. I remember way back when it was about building the Water Treatment to facilitate more houses/buildings, still after several years not done. We also talked about getting a roof on the rink or build it up to facilitate other events, this today is not done. I remember the youth bought a letter to Chief & council about 15 or more years with this exact topic. So are we listening to them? I think not, this saddens me and not to mention them. They are young adults now with children of their own. Time has passed so fast and its only going faster. We need to take a step back and listen more. This also comes along with Drugs/alcohol councillor, these are just some of the important topics I feel so sad about, why can we not do this? We do have an outdoor rink but heard it will not be done again, this is like the 3rd year. We had many using it at one time, people from Wawa and other communities were accessing it. Many of times donations were made to the youth or to the Youth & Elders Gathering. There are so much possibilities to help make community prosper, its not all about administration. We need to service the community here, to build on our resources in order to move in a well balance direction. There are so many directions but what I would like to see is the direction from you the member, what are your comments, all of the why, who, where, when and how. We need to do need your voice to this more often then not. We need to gather and 'Just Do It'.

I am in this, loving my community and all of you 100%. I will never leave here and only see a brighter future, learning to know who you are and your roots. My roots are planted here and won't be uproot for a long, long time. I love the land here, our beach, the Niibi, the trees, the morning dew and the beautiful sunset in the evening, yes this is home.

So I would like to share one more topic. This appointment to council, its not a one month meeting. Its a business that needs you 75% of the time. I have learned when there is a time crunch, some council today can not be ready at the spur of the moment. Some have jobs, live else where, so I am asking can you commit to this journey of being a leader for the people of great Nation. I have been here in the last couple of terms, I am the only one living on the F.N. so I get the calls, come sign cheques, sign papers, etc. I have members calling me, and that is anytime when help is needed. I love to help in any way I can, I am saying, we need at least 2 council living on the First Nation to be on council. I could see some balance when you look at it. Having understanding of how First Nations living is all about, we are not a Town, city, Municipality and rules are some what different. I only share this because I feel it is so imperative you understand this journey and I share this with the greatest respect for all our people on Mother Earth.

Miigwetch for you support and look forward to serving you with the pleasure, it has always been.

Respectfully, Be safe, stay healthy and Please follow the rules to this COVID situation. No matter if we disagreed or agreed when our paths crossed, know you are loved, sending all a warm hug.

Chi-Miigwetch

Evelyn Stone

P.S.—I would at this time also congratulate my co-councillor JP Chalykoff for the time sitting at the table with us. You have bought so many great times, education, understanding of being the youngest. You make proud to be your sister and learning a bit of the language. Your doing awesome in teaching the language, your are blessed to have this experience. When we get out school, come back home, that is another one of my dreams. Take care of you, you are a beautiful soul Bro, love you, warm hugs always.



Hello, I am Kathryn Hiebert, some of you may still remember me as Kathryn Campbell.

I have been through some life changing episodes since sitting on Council several years ago as I'm sure you have as well. Although these changes have happened I continue to have a great love for our First Nation. We have so much potential.

I have lived in the community for roughly 25 years and worked many years in the office of Michipicoten First Nation as receptionist, administrative assistant, and membership clerk.

While sitting on Council I had the honour to be the chair of education committee where we successfully negotiated an agreement with the Algoma District School Board.

I am committed to the growth and sustainability of our land and citizens.

My honesty, commitment, and past experience make me an excellent choice to vote for to sit on Council. I look forward to serving as one of your councillors once again.

Your vote is very important so please participate in this 2021 Michipicoten First Nation election.



VOTE

Sandra DONNEY-FRASER

for Councillor

Michipicoten First Nation (MFN)



My Spirit Name is Wahkaybinesiik-dego (Female Thunder Bird) and I am from the Otter Clan. I am the Great-Granddaughter of a former Chief of MFN, Jacob Candassie. I am very proud that my ancestral roots are grounded with Michipicoten First Nations. My mother and Grandmother are from MFN as well. I am a mother and Grandmother and know the importance of making right decisions for all future generations both on and off reserve.

First of all, thank you for nominating me as a candidate for both Chief and Councillor. I am deeply humbled and thankful. After careful thought, prayer and consideration I have decided to let my name stand for Councillor and withdrew my name for Chief. I felt this was the best decision to make at this time.

I am running in this election because I have a burning desire to serve you, the membership at a governance level. I reside in Hornepayne, Ontario and even though it is just over 2 hours away from our Reserve, I believe I have the skills to represent all Michipicoten members no matter where they live, including those living on Reserve.

Over the years I have been able to gain extensive work and volunteer experiences that I know will be an asset to your Michipicoten First Nation Council. I am committed to seeing Michipicoten First Nation accomplish its' vision of being "an economic, independent, self-sustaining, self-governing First Nation" for the benefit of all members. We need to bridge the gaps and bring our community closer together, on and off reserve.

As your Councillor, I will (to name just a few):

- commit to working together with our Chief and Councillors making good governance and financial decisions that keeps our membership's best interests in mind when making those decisions, always.
- continue to be a strong advocate for protection of the environment and natural resources for our future generations.
- remain committed to being approachable, honest, transparent, respectful and responsible. My guiding principles are the 7 Grandfather Teachings: Humility, Truth, Bravery, Respect, Honesty, Love and Wisdom.
- remain committed to making sure that no one feels left out in knowing what is going on with governance at our First Nations. We need to make sure the website and Facebook page is up to date and actively providing the most recent information. The minutes from the Chief and Council meetings need to be uploaded to the website on a regular basis (after they are passed at a Council meeting). We are accountable to you, the members, so you have to be kept informed on an on-going basis.

The ballots have been mailed out and if you have not received them yet, you will be receiving them shortly. I am asking when you are choosing your best team of leaders for MFN, please put a check mark beside my name as part of the 6 Councillors that you would like to represent you.

There is so much more I could write to you so I felt it was best to create a Facebook page for engagement. I invite you to follow me on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/Sandra-Donney-Fraser-for-Councillor-Michipicoten-First-Nation-101535535288661>. You may also email me at sandrafraser@live.ca or call/text 1-807-228-1819.

Together we can make change and it all starts with you casting your vote. Thank you for supporting me.

Miigwetch, Sandra Donney-Fraser

Aaniin! Miskwaa Anung I'Kwe Ndizhnikaaaz

My name is Valyne and I am the daughter of Judy Chapman-Price, granddaughter of Ida Swanson and great granddaughter of Susie Swanson. I grew up in Wawa with my mom Judy, dad Wayne and younger brother Jean-Paul. I currently reside in Sault Ste. Marie with my husband Denis who is an Underground Miner and our 3 children ages 5, 4, and 2. I am a Sault College graduate with a Diploma in Office Administration-Executive and a Diversity & Intercultural Relations certificate. Additionally, I am a Sault College employee with over 12 years of service in the areas of Indigenous Education, Employment, Academic Upgrading, Aviation and International Admissions. I have also completed training in the areas of lateral violence, cultural competency, mental health first aid, customer service, accessibility/disability act, workplace violence, Aboriginal statistics and assertiveness.

If I was elected to represent our community members as a member of council, I would continue to make it my mission to create transparency within our community so that we can honour and instill the 7 Grandfather teachings for our current and future generations. My passions involve the areas of mental health, addiction, education and employment. I have the proven ability to develop strong community, partner and client relationships with the highest standard of progressive and dedicated service. I bring a wealth of knowledge and experience in these areas and feel that I can provide insight for our community to experience Mino-Bimaadiziwin.

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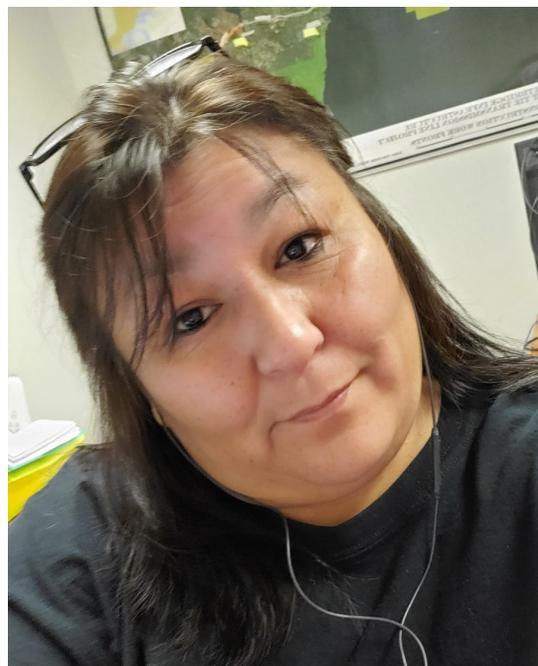
Miskwaa Anung I'Kwe (Red Star Woman)

Valyne Price



Hello, My name is Christine Lewis and I'm a member of the Michipicoten First Nation, the reason why I want to run for council is to help better my community to offer my support to achieve their dreams and goals.

What I would like to see for Michipicoten is some growth I've worked with First Nations all along the North Shore of Lake Superior and I see the development, economic boom, education, training and employment opportunities that is being provided for their members. I feel that Michipicoten can do the same. I've lived in the community for the past 11 years and I have seen very little or no growth or no development and I don't understand why? I would like to understand why and maybe provide some support on making these things happen for us as Michipicoten members. We should be collaborating building relationships and partnerships with our neighboring First Nation brothers and sisters to work with them to overcome obstacles that are holding us from thriving into the future. Go back to our original ways where we help each other, share ideas and grow together. To live our 7 grandfather teachings in today's world.



I know our current Chief and Council have been working towards economic and development growth for the future, but I feel that we should be able to benefit some of the rewards today, not 20 years down the road. I would like to see our young people get educated, get trained, get employed so they are self-supporting, to have money of their own and we shouldn't be depending on government money to provide for our families. We as First Nations are a resilient group of people who are dedicated and hard working, who love our families and communities.

I realize and understand the barriers that us First Nation people face as I have faced the barriers and I know that we can succeed if we have the support. I too was uneducated, lived in poverty, I raised 2 children as single mother, I've put myself through school, worked various of jobs, took available training to get to the point where I am now. I know it can be done.

I would like to see other avenues and ventures going forward we've had talks of opening a satellite office in Sault Ste. Marie and I know with COVID-19 still lurking around, it's highly unlikely that that's going to happen anytime soon but you know we can do a lot of things remotely now as we have learned this past year, me personally I've been working from home for almost a year now and it hasn't hindered my training or my work abilities, currently our band office has hired lot of managers and professional people who don't live in the community or Wawa or know the barriers we face as First Nation's people. They are working remotely so the possibilities are endless.

We need to find people who are willing to stand up make that change happen and help our community members, I for one want to see all that. Many of you will know my name as I've been affiliated with a few different organizations since I've been here, was affiliated with the Michipicoten First Nation Community Trust for 10 years, I sat on the Board of Trustees and was the Trust Administrator, I've worked with Supercom Industries who are in partnership in completing the East West Tie Transmission line, 2 years ago as a Training Advisor and I'm currently employed with them right now as a Community Advisor, assisting people to gain training and employment and I've been employed with the Anishinabek Education and Training Services, otherwise known as AETS to provide education and training opportunities to our membership so I know some of the avenues where we can travel down to get our current members educated, trained and employed so that they can be self supporting and improve in their quality of life. There is a great demand for a skilled tradesperson, personal support workers, health care and the list goes on. The possibilities are in endless regardless of where we live or work.

If I was to be elected for Council, I would work for the members of Michipicoten to help them succeed and to achieve all their goals in dreams for their future. I would like to be your voice.

Thank you for your time.

Christine Lewis

Bio

Hey, everyone I hope that you and your family are well. Also, I'd like to take a moment of your time, and introduce myself. It is that time of year again. (Elections)

I am thrilled to announce my candidacy for Council. I thank both Kathy Hiebert and Colleen Harris for the nomination.

I know it has been a few years since you have heard or seen my name. I have held various positions with Michipicoten over the years. Which some of you may remember. I've resided on Michipicoten for a bit more than 3 decades. I am the proud mother of 3, and grandmother of 5 awesome grandchildren.

As a former employee and council member of Michipicoten I have had the opportunity to over the years work with some of our past leaders; Evelyn Stone, Sam Stone, John Peterson & Joe Buckell. During those years I have held different portfolios, such as education, housing, health and lands. After my time on Council, I was then actively involved with the Michipicoten Community Trust as Chairperson for 5 years until December 2017 when my term ended.

I then stepped away from all politics, for personal reasons. During my time away, I have spent much time enjoying life with my family. I was also a Guest Services Manager of a local five star Polish Motel & Restaurant which was seasonal for a number of years, to which I was entrusted to operate for 4 months per year. During this time the owners often took their vacation time. I truly enjoyed working with the owners, guests and public. I had also volunteered my services at Wawa's Annual Salmon Derby, at the local Marina in Wawa, and as a result I was offered a position at the Marina where I am still employed today.

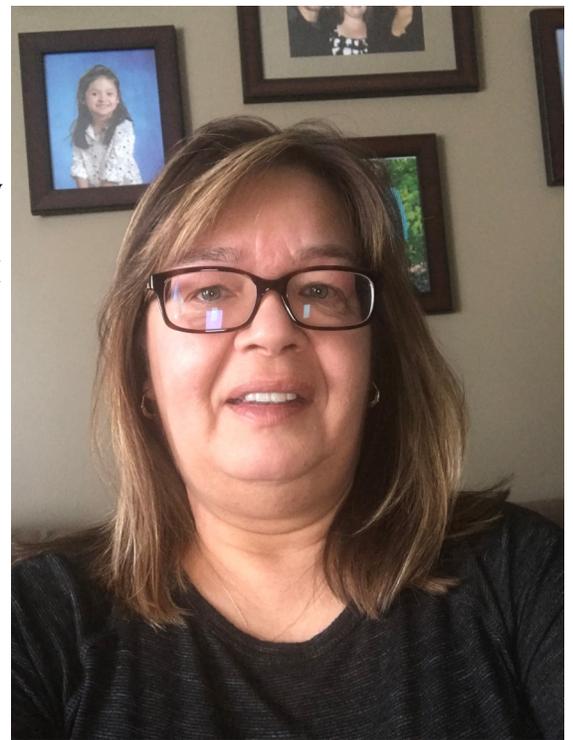
I have had many experiences and challenges in all of these capacities. I've learnt that no matter what life has in store, if you have the ability to stay focused and positive, anything is achievable. I strive to be a honest, positive and respectful person, I value my work ethics, stand for what I believe and I am always looking for the opportunity to gain knowledge and personal development.

I look forward to the opportunity to once again represent you, and allow me to stand for our First Nation and influence constructive and practical changes. I believe it is time to start the remediate process throughout our First Nation and begin to bridge the gaps.

So, I encourage you to please VOTE to make the positive changes Michipicoten needs.

On March 20, 2021, vote for me Denise Churchill as your Council representative for Michipicoten First Nation.

If you have questions, please feel free to email me: dchurchill66@gmail.com



Aniin! Bozhoo!

Allow me to introduce myself; my name is Laura May Panhuyzen and I am running for an off-reserve Councillor position. It is my hope that as your councillor, I can help bridge the gap that exists between on and off reserve members, improve and increase communications and allow us to all live and work collaboratively as one, as the extended family that we are. I want to serve you as a part of our off reserve community; vote for me in March 2021 and let's make that happen.

I was born Laura May Samakese to Albert John Samakese who is also a member of Michipicoten First Nation (MFN). I was born and raised in the city, Toronto. Since the age of three, my father was absent in my life. So from a young age, there was a disconnect with my Ojibway heritage. My journey of re-connecting with my tribe, finding my roots and discovering my family and culture was a journey of self discovery that continues to this day, when I am just starting my fifties. My sister and I drove the 8 hours to MFN from Toronto one summer, not knowing what we would find there, but curious about our roots. We figured that was as good a place to start as any. We told no-one we were coming and when we arrived found a small community and did not say a word to anyone. We saw the big goose in Wawa and I'm sure if we made the trek today, our journey would be quite different. Now I am a mother to three beautiful Anishinabek children who are 20, 19 and 16. All are also members of MFN. I share with them the knowledge I have acquired over the years and try my best to instill in them not only a quest for knowledge and learning about their roots but a passion to discover it and give back to their community. To be proud of who they are. And remember they are the survivors of their ancestors.

I attended the University of Toronto, studying Political Science and Psychology. I've lived in Paris, Savannah Georgia and Philadelphia but this beautiful province of Ontario always calls me back home. I have made a living working in government as a federal civil servant for over 20 years now. I have always loved working with and for people. Seniors are a passion of mine as I have spent the majority of my life without elders, not knowing my fathers and only having had in my life my grandmother who passed away from ALS when I was a teenager. I missed having elders, their knowledge, patience, an older voice of wisdom in my life so I have gravitated towards them in my professional life.

I am a member of our Employees Indigenous circle, have facilitated and presented at work numerous times on Indigenous issues (even once reading a poem, as their token "Indian" called "The Token Indian"). I had my first sweat lodge, with my sister in Indian Canyon, Santa Cruz, California. I have completed, a couple of times, the blanket exercise all in at attempt to find my roots and connect back with my culture, something I was longing for my whole life. I took Ojibway language classes in my twenties and still pepper my language with the odd word here and there. My children still call their aunt Zigos.

Why am I running for councillor? Well like you, many attempts have been made to reconnect with my culture. Living off reserve, there can be a sense of isolation or feeling of not belonging, something I have encountered my whole life. Being native, having my Indian Status card to "prove it" but feeling a disconnect to my community and culture. Social media plays a big part in allowing us to connect with each other but at times it can be overwhelming. Being a part of a community but not really being a part of it, adds to a sense of isolation. As a councillor, I would like to bridge the gap between our on and off reserve family. Communicate information in an effort to reconnect us all and be here to answer your questions on our trust, member benefits, housing, education and schooling. We are given funding for all of us including off reserve members so we should not feel like we are not a part of the community. Our journeys in life have taken many of us away from the reserve but we all have things that connect us back.

I would like your vote on March 20, 2021, let me know how I can earn it. You know about me now so please feel free to reach out and tell me how I can serve you as your councillor, what your needs are from me in this role. You can reach me on Facebook at Laura Panhuyzen or by email at lpanhuyzen@gmail.com. Together, we can make a difference!

Chi-Miigwech



INTRODUCTION- My name is Connie DeLuco (maiden name, O'Leary), and I am the granddaughter of Agnes Souliere (nee Gillespie). I was born and raised in Hawk Junction and was part of a family of seven: two loving parents and five carefree children.

I am a proud member of the Souliere Clan, a mother of three children and grandmother to five awesome grandchildren. For the past 22 years I have been working and living in Sault Ste Marie, which I now consider to be my home.

While enduring the loss of socializing with family and friends during COVID, I found peace and relaxing activities to do to keep busy and stay positive. I discovered that I love to paint and rediscovered my skill at embroidery and sewing. I have also a passion for cooking and baking.

Community Minded - I have always been a community minded person and strong believer in the importance volunteering. In the past I've been a volunteer for a variety of child/youth groups, such as a 4-H Leader for youth, Sunday school teacher and (list one more). The time is now right for me to give back to my community of origin, Michipicoten First Nation.

Cultural Knowledge- Many of my attributes are a gift of sharing, mutual respect, love, and genuine human kindness. I was taught these by my parents and elders who were involved in my everyday life. These teachings have become the root of who I am and where I come from. My thirst for education has also enlightened me to continue to learn about my Anishnawbe culture in areas of language, customs, ceremonies and medicine teachings.

Professional Background - My post-secondary education consists of a series of certificates and diplomas in areas of Travel Consulting, Entrepreneurial skills, Business Management, Law and Security, Addictions and Social Services of which I have been involved with for 20 years. I am currently employed with Nogdawindamin Family and Community Services.

My Role as Councilor- We all have a voice and we all have a choice. I'm asking you to please let me be your voice and speak on your behalf as a MFN Councilor. I won't let you down. You can trust and count on me to present your ideas, concerns, and suggestions to the leadership of MFN. I will represent you in a courageous, honest and truthful fashion.

For example, many MFN members had told me that they would like to see a MFN Sub-Office in SSM. I hear you and agree. We have many MFN members living in and around SSM. All members should have the support from their First Nation available to them without the hardships of travelling the 240 Km distance to our Reserve. Distance should not interfere with accessibility to services from our own First Nation.

Off reserve Members should have access to an Office here in Sault Ste Marie where we can visit in a safe place for information, support services, programs and activities. We need a meeting place to come to, to talk, learn, support one another, and have a sense of belonging and feel connected.

If you have any questions, I can be reached via phone at 705-779-1122 or email at sweetfree7@hotmail.com



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Aniin,

I am Janet Demary, from Hawk Junction. I have lived my whole life in this beautiful community. I've had the honour of helping my elders here when they were in need. I helped them with meals and cleaning when they couldn't do it themselves. I also take them grocery shopping and to medical appointments, and simply kept them company playing cards and watching tv.

I was honoured to be nominated for council and I accept the challenge for a third term. **I'm proud to be a member of the Michipicoten First Nation. I have been on Council 4 years now and I will continue to give the same degree of commitment I have always given for the benefit of MFN as a whole. My goal is to work hard for our members, the youth and elders to improve the quality of life to All members, both on and off reserve.**

Our community and especially the elders are very important to me; they need to have representation from Council to obtain the assistance they need. Many of our members need assistance with Health Care, as well as assisted living. For our youth I would like to promote more educational opportunities in areas of a fast-changing society such as computers and our Ojibway language. Chief and Council are taking an on-line course that will allow us to develop priorities and goals for our members. This will allow the community members to participate in our decision making. This will keep the community informed of any decisions and changes that may occur.

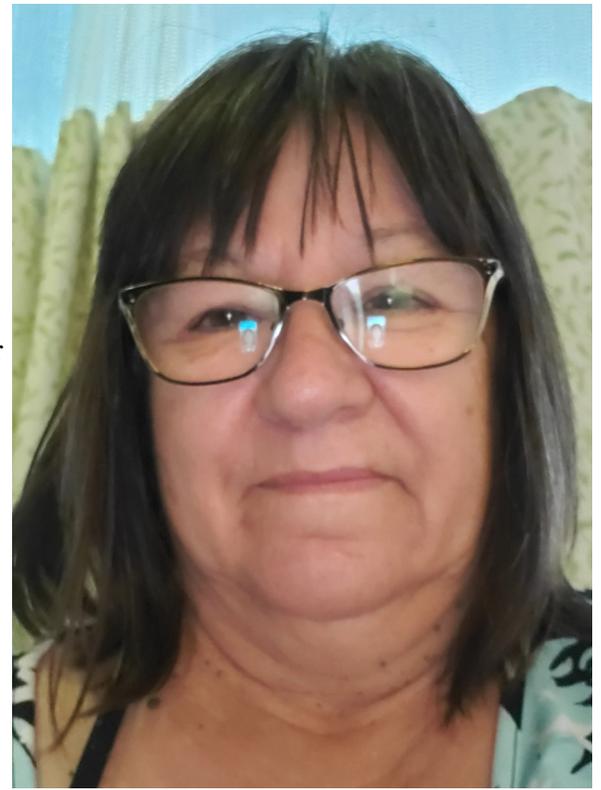
One thing that I am most proud of is my family. Del and I will be married for 41 years in March. He was a proud military man who retired after 20 years of service and now works at Chrysler. I have two children that are settled in their lives with good jobs. Shona is a police officer in North Bay, and Daniel is a heavy equipment operator for Imperial Oil up in Curve Lake Alberta. I have 2 grandchildren, Charlotte 9 and Mathieu 7. Charlotte is taking Ojibway language lessons on the internet. Mathieu loves to play hockey and soccer.

Chief and Council are working on getting our people on Reserve access to the broad band internet. It will give our members many opportunities for education (On line courses) such as obtaining a high school diploma and jobs. It will give them easier access to connecting to family members. It will also help our staff to serve our members better.

I am proud to be Chair Person of the housing committee. The committee and I are working hard to develop some new policies and procedures to better our community housing. Our problem is that we don't have enough housing to accommodate the people or enough land to build new homes.

I look forward to assisting Administration with the organizing of future Membership meeting, and getting to connect with you virtually.

Chi Miigwetch



My name is Irene Armstrong and it is my intent to seek re-election as councillor for Michipicoten First Nation.

As an Anishinaabe-kwe who was born and raised in the area, I have a good understanding of the social, political and economic issues we face as indigenous people while we strive to maintain our culture, harmony and balance with Mother Earth.

With strong leadership and moderation, I have been actively involved in community development to bring about social change to effectively address the needs of our people. My volunteer and work experience in healthcare have shown that I can be creative, financially responsible, and flexible when it comes to solving problems.

For the past two years on council, I have worked as a team member with professionalism, respect and collaboration to bring about positive change and to strengthen the executive management team of Michipicoten First Nation. Serving on council and bettering our community is an advocacy role and responsibility which I take very seriously.-----

Some of council's achievements have been to increase Michipicoten's self-generated revenues and to finalize agreements with area mines including Goldcorp and Argonaut. We concluded the long outstanding NextBridge Agreements and negotiated funds to help preserve and promote the caribou herd that was close to extinction. Our recently incorporated economic development corporation has secured several partners in a very short time and we continue to explore new economic opportunities in our traditional and treaty territories.

The global pandemic and the fight against COVID-19 has brought many new challenges to our people and has changed how we do things, from our work life to our personal life. The need for virtual meetings and schooling has heightened the need for better technology and communication. During these new and uncharted times, I am committed to working towards better access to healthcare, communication technology, and equality for all our people.

I will continue to work on initiatives that will benefit, grow and preserve our citizenship, from our newborn to our elders. There is great value in bringing back the annual pow wow for the Youth and Elders gathering. It provides an opportunity for our people to return to our reserve lands, to gather as a community with a sense of belonging and to engage our youth while sharing our culture and teachings.

I believe that increasing our knowledge while remembering our past is essential to moving Michipicoten First Nation forward. We can only bring about good change by building relationships with a level head, an open mind, humor, kindness and compassion.

My goal is to be available and transparent with the people of Michipicoten First Nation and I can be reached by telephone at 705-852-1428 or my email at Irene-armstrong@hotmail.com to hear and act upon your concerns.

Let me be that voice of reason. Let me be your voice.

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Aani, My name is Marilyn Brown. I was raised in Chapleau, Sultan and area. My mother Jessica Brown, is a member of Michipicoten First Nations and descends from Adam's /Quazance. I have resided in Sultan for thirty-three years with my partner Calvin Lecuyer of forty years who is also a member of Michipicoten First Nations and our four children. Pamela, Mitch/Kristina, Crystal & Calvin Jr/ Lindsay they have gave us twelve beautiful grandchildren and two awesome great grandchildren. My family is very important to me and my husband. We love to enjoy the outdoors by hunting and fishing and camping with our family. We are still learning more each day about the transitional ways, but we are learning together. My husband and I were self employed from 1998-2006 CL slashing. In 2006 I was Vice President of the dump committee in Sultan Ontario. Also I worked for the Sultan Local Service Board from 2003-2005. In 2010 I started a part time job with Federal Government (Canada Post), in 2020 I started full time for Canada Post.

Some of my passions are stopping the use of non-essential chemical herbicides of which I have been working on presently. Housing on Reserve, on reserve camping as well as traditional teachings. My list goes on.

I have been exceedingly involved in many programs within Michipicoten First Nation. In 2017 I was apart of the Michipicoten social-economic Base line assessment as well as Michipicoten Land use for Borden and traditional knowledge study in 2018 through 2019 for the Gold Corp Prospects. I was also apart of the Traditional Land Knowledge of land use study for Chapleau, Timmins and area.

I love working, helping and meeting new people.

I look forward to working for our Michipicoten Members.

Miigwetch

Marilyn Brown



Jeannette Lapham

I was born in London, Ontario, but was raised in Mississagi Village. I lived with my grandparents and only spoke the native language. My grandma died in a fire and I was left alone. My Auntie gave me to Children's Aid. They brought me to the Sault and I was only 5 years old. Then I was adopted into the Robinson Family. My new parents only spoke the native language.

When I grew up, I loved to work. I started working at the age of 13 years old in a beauty salon. I went later to school to become a beautician. I love working with people you only needed a grade 10.

I met my husband. He was the nicest person I ever met. We came to Wawa with 3 children and he also loved people. He would give the shirt off of his back if he could help out in anyway. I have 3 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren.

Later on, I went back to school; Sault College: 1973 Hair Dressing, and 1984 Chef's course. Stratford Institute: Grade 12; June 26th, 2009, Legal Assistant/Paralegal March 25th, 2011.

I also did a lot of volunteer work with the Legion for 15 years for the Ladies Auxiliary. Lady Dunn Hospital 15 years Ladies Auxiliary. I was awarded a Certificate of Appreciation from Co-Op Education in January 13th, 2006. Also received a Certificate of Appreciation from Sault College in 1988 for training students for hairdressing.

Miigwetch,

Thank you,

Jeannette Lapham



CONGRATULATIONS NOMINEES!

Michipicoten First Nation would like to
take this opportunity to Congratulate
the successful nominees and wish them
Good Luck in the upcoming
2021 MFN Election.

Please watch for your
Election Package in the mail.

Should you have any questions or
concerns, please contact
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OR

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Remember to vote on March 20, 2021!



Michipicoten First Nation