

Batchewana First Nation

Special Edition Newsletter

2023 Election



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Special Edition “2023” Election Newsletter

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Welcome to the Special Edition, “2023” Election Newsletter!

Batchewana First Nation is sending this newsletter to keep you, the voter informed and aware of the candidates running for Chief and Council.

All candidates were given until Tuesday June 27, 2023 to submit their election platforms into this mail out. The candidate’s information has been placed in the order in which their names will appear on the ballot beginning with candidates for Chief.

This year’s general election will take place on **July 28, 2023**. BFN Band Members who are planning on mailing in their ballot are kindly reminded to send as soon as possible to ensure they arrive in time.

Thank you to all candidates for their submissions.

Sincerely,

Alex Syrette
Communications Manager
Batchewana First Nation

Disclaimer: *The submissions in this newsletter were not altered or changed in any way. The views expressed herein are solely the views of the candidates who have submitted the information. Batchewana First Nation administration has had no part in assisting any of the candidates financially or otherwise.*

POLLING NOTICE

Notice is hereby given to the Electors of the Batchewana First Nation that a poll will be held to elect a Chief and eight (8) Councillors on Friday the 28th day of July 2023, from nine o'clock (9:00) a.m. until eight o'clock (8:00) p.m. at the:

Rankin Arena – Thunderbird Room

The votes will be counted in the Thunderbird Room immediately after the close of the Poll. The results will be declared immediately following the count.

Off-reserve ballot packages will be mailed out beginning on June 22, 2023, until July 14, 2023. If you reside off-reserve and have not updated your mailing address, contact the Electoral Officer at the below contact information or the Lisa McCormick, Membership (705.759.0914).

If you reside on-reserve and will not be available to vote on Election Day, July 28, 2023 contact the Electoral Officer to arrange for a mail-in ballot package.

Given under my hand at this 21st day of June 2023.



Vaughn Johnston
Electoral Officer

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BATCHEWANA FIRST NATION

Names to appear on the ballot for the July 28, 2023, General Election

Candidates for Chief
MCCOY, Mark
SAYERS, Dean

<i>Candidates for Councillor</i>	<i>Candidates for Councillor</i>
AGAWA, D. Joy	MCDONAGH (SYRETTE), Elaine
AGAWA, Gregory	MOORE, Philip K., CD
AGAWA, James Michael Jr.	NADJIWON, Teala
AGAWA, Tasha	NICHOLS, Lisa
BELL, Harvey	ROBINSON, Clinton
BIRD, Karen	ROACH, Gary Jr.
BJORNAA (LIDSTONE), Agnes	SANDIE (MCCOY), Jodi
BOYER, Kyle	SAYERS, Allen (Jim)
BOYER, Stephanie	SAYERS, Brenda Mary
BOYER- BENNETT, Jessica	SAYERS, Dan Sr.
CATCHPOLE, Valerie	SAYERS, Joseph Thomas (Joe Tom)
CORBIERE, Harold (Bo)	SAYERS, Melissa Grace
CORBIERE, Randy	SAYERS, Trevor (Trapper) Sr.
DESJARDINS, Chantel	SEWELL, Peter
DESJARDINS, David	SYRETTE, Hannah
GRAWBARGER, Jeremiah (Jed)	SYRETTE, Holly
HERMISTON, Carol	SYRETTE, Joel
HEWSON, Dee-Anna	SYRETTE-OTTEREYES, Dion
KENNEDY (GINGRAS), Amy	TEGOSH, Ann Marie
MADIGAN (BOYER), Adele	TEGOSH, Mike
MCCOY, Luke Melvin	

Elect Mark McCoy for Chief

The Anishinaabe have always come together in the defining moments in the history of our Great Nation. We took a stand against the dealings of the government to negotiate a deal that would promise a fair split of the bounty of our lands. We shared our knowledge of medicine and plants with all the peoples of Turtle Island. The constant is our spirit to protect our land, our inherent rights given from the creator. We believe that every Ojibwe, whatever their station in life, should have the chance to get a good education, to work at a good job with good wages, to raise and provide for a family, to live in safe surroundings, and to retire with dignity and security. We believe that each succeeding generation should have the opportunity, through hard work, dedication to our lands and sacrifice, to enjoy a brighter future than the last.

Aniin,

Chi Miiigwetch to Sonya Young and Tasha Agawa for nominating me for Chief. It is an honor just to be nominated.

Ginew Nini ndishishnikaaz, Mukwa dodem, Batchewana ndoonjibaa. My given name is Mark McCoy and I live on Rankin Reserve. My parents are Victor McCoy and Pauline Patterson from Wawa. My grandparents are Bill McCoy and Doris McKay from Goulais Mission.

My employment background is that I have worked for the Correctional Service of Canada for 20 years, as a correctional officer. I was a member of the Emergency Response Team at Millhaven Maximum Institution for 4.5 years. I have also worked for Batchewana Health Center, as the Child Welfare Band Representative and as the Native Institutional Liaison Officer (N.I.L.O) at the Algoma Treatment and Remand Center here in the Soo. I currently hold the N.I.L.O. contract at the Algoma Treatment and Remand Center. In this role, I facilitate programs in the jail, help indigenous offenders get into treatment programs and help offenders with child welfare agencies.

My wife and I have been Foster Parents for Nogdawindamin Family Services for the past 12 years. I follow traditional native spirituality and live a drug free, alcohol-free life.

The platform on which I am asking for your vote and support is that our communities need to come first. BFN Chief and Council need to communicate better with our membership. Repeatedly our members are asking what is going on with BFN fiscal interests and affairs. There needs to be more community consultation and interaction with regards to band matters.

The Robinson Huron Annuity Treaty litigation is currently a pressing matter. I have spoken with many of our membership and every member I have spoken to has indicated that they want a 100% of monies owed to them. I support this and I have brought this back to the council table. I also signed the Grandmother's Walking Softly petition. Annuities have historically been paid by the government and should continue as such. There are still a lot of questions that need to be answered with regards to the RHT and hopefully we will get some transparency and answers sooner than later.

Another current issue that I would like to undertake is our housing situation. I am aware that our housing list still has approximately 200 members waiting for housing. I would like to see Chief & Council work towards getting some more affordable housing and larger family homes. Members want to move home, and I want to be able to support that.

We have an Assertion of Rights on our lands and yet our loggers still cannot sell their logs. We do not have an agreement with the province. We have other loggers that want and are willing to work in our forests but have no buyers for their logs. This has been ongoing since 2007. This is unacceptable. We need a long-term agreement with the provincial government or need to look at other avenues to sell our logs.

If elected I would address these issues as well as others and continue to have the best interest of Batchewana First Nation members at the forefront, and not individual or personal interests. These are just some of the concerns and issues that I have, and that have been brought to me, that I would like to bring forward, while representing Batchewana First Nation.

Elect Mark McCoy for Chief

- Push for 100% disbursement for the RHT
- Affordable housing/ Larger family homes
- Update Salburger Hof/Treatment Centre
- Forensic audit of Batchewana Finances
- Solar and Wind farm financial updates
- More transparency/ accountability
- Best interest of Batchewana First Nation members on and off reserve. Always

Chi Miigwetch for your time,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mark McCoy', written in a cursive style.

Mark McCoy



“10 Billion Just the Tip of the Iceberg”

Batchewana Election 2023

Re-Elect Chief Dean Sayers

To begin, I want to say Megwetch to members Scott Riel and Diane Boutilier for nominating me as Chief of Batchewana First Nation. I will work diligently to maintain your confidence.

I've spent many terms as your Chief and devoted a lot of energy to find a resolution to the Robinson Huron Treaty annuity case. We always knew that four dollars a year was not our fair share of the revenue from the resources. Many factors aligned to accomplish this historic settlement.

At the end of the day, we as a people need to determine how Batchewana's portion of the \$10 billion is distributed. I hear members suggesting that maybe the First Nation should distribute 51%, others are saying 70%, others are saying distribute 100%. As your Chief and a lead negotiator at the table, our team was able to bring the money to the door of Batchewana. It's now up to the Members and Council to determine how this historic annuity is distributed in Batchewana.

Part of my role as Chief is to help you as Members understand the historic annuities picture completely. We need to look at the annuities from historic and legal perspectives to prepare you to provide input to leadership on how you envision the distribution to look. It's going to be a difficult decision at the leadership table to come up with a remedy that satisfies everyone.

Mizhinawe (Justice Harry Laforme) is hosting a community meeting on July 4th but this is not your only opportunity to provide input. You can also contact Mizhinawe directly via email. Watch the Batchewana website and official Facebook page for other means of communication so you can have your say.

Should Batchewana decide to retain a portion of the revenues from the annuity settlement, I would recommend providing a pension between \$500 and \$600 a month to all members 55 years and over regardless of where they live in Canada, in the United States or anywhere around the world. Our rights should not be impeded by location.

I also believe that Batchewana should be providing financial support to meet your actual dental, optometry and prescription needs. We need to cover 100% of these costs. We should cover the cost initially through our collective pots of money and go after Canada to reimburse Batchewana for actual costs. Our people shouldn't suffer because we wait for Canada to pay for the obligated service. Batchewana should pay for the service immediately and pursue Canada legally.

The “\$4 a year” issue is one of many issues that we need to continue to give attention to. I see this settlement as the first step in repairing our Nation-Nation relationship with the Settler governments. The door is now open and the opportunities are endless. Canada and Ontario need to act aligned with the true history of these lands. We as a people, hold the power collectively. We delegated authority to them. We need to continue with challenging and strategizing to once again hold our rightful place on these lands. We should enjoy the benefits from our land and resources from many perspective and through many jurisdictions. We have more rights than an annuity from the lands and resources. We actually have

rights to manage our own education systems, manage our health systems, manage our economy, legal systems, Policing systems, laws and many more.

One of the larger issues is the Pennefather Treaty of 1859 which is a "Land Back" process. All of our original lands that we had set aside prior to treaty need to come back under our wing, our control, and under our jurisdiction. We also need to recover the revenue lost from all of our lands. That needs to be one of our next priorities.

In order to get the job done, we need consistency, we need stability. We need to continue to focus on our rights as a People.

Our People need access to services, regardless of where they live. We should be able to be exercising inter-Treaty harvest rights in any province, and any jurisdiction throughout North America. I will continue to represent us on the Jay Treaty Boarder Alliance Collaboration Initiative table in regards to border issues along with other Chiefs and leadership from throughout Canada and United States. I'll also continue to be a lead negotiator and spokesperson for Robinson Huron Treaty First Nations. We may have resolved the historic \$4 a year obligation however, we need to continue with the negotiation of the \$4 a year annuity moving forward. As it stands, we are still at \$4 a year. I believe we should receive a share of the revenue generated from our lands based on "actual" profits, as opposed to a policy percentage of the revenue generated. We have the expert reports they can provide us with the proper accounting and a fair future annuity.

My track record as your Chief should speak for itself. I've devoted many years of my life to the betterment of our People and that is my true passion. I fully intend on giving my every effort to continue with the important work and foundation that has been set on your behalf and the future of our beautiful Nation.

The \$10 billion settlement is just the beginning of the work -it's not the end. Much more work needs to be done.

Your continued faith is greatly appreciated.

Please Re-elect Chief Dean Sayers 2023

Megwetch

Aanii,

My name is Greg Agawa with a family lineage of living in the Goulais Bay Community for more than several generations which has been my home. In my family, there is an oral tradition of knowledge that has been passed down through generations on the 1850 Robinson Huron Treaty. In 1988 R. v. Agawa Case, me and band fishermen won the court case within the Ontario Court that asserted Batchewana First Nation always had the inherent right to fish commercially that includes the commercial sale and do not require a permit from Ontario. Legal counsel for Batchewana First Nation at that time were W. Henderson and Harry S. LaForme. Batchewana First Nation treaty rights are upheld through the 1850 Robinson Huron Treaty. My dream is to create our version of the 1850 Robinson Huron Treaty based on our knowledge and history within Batchewana First Nation. In the 2021-2023 council term I was an advocate for work on the 1850 Robinson Huron Treaty rights and worked with council to make life better for our members.

There was a historical announcement on June 17, 2023, on a proposed out-of-court settlement on the outstanding litigation of the 1850 Robinson Huron Treaty that has a past compensation amount for the collective annuities. Batchewana First Nation is one of 21 First Nation represented by the Robinson Huron Treaty Litigation Fund. For Batchewana First Nation, the current Chief Dean Sayers as spokesperson for the RHTLF, many BFN Councils, and community members have contributed to the Robinson Huron Treaty Litigation Fund in their work. There is more work to be done as part of the next steps on the community engagement process facilitated by Honorable Harry S. LaForme in the Office of Mizhinawe together with Batchewana First Nation. Over the summer there will be hard discussions on the past compensation amount of the collective annuity for community members to share their diverse

perspectives. We need to remember our ancestors that were part of the 1850 Robinson Huron Treaty Making and remember our family members that have passed onto the spirit world.

Honour 1850 Robinson Huron Treaty

Chi Meegwetch to Scott Riel and Joanna Nahwegahbow for nominating me.

Re-Elect Gregory Agawa on July 28, 2023.



Tasha Agawa

VOTE FOR COUNCIL

Aanii boozhoo, Tasha Agawa is my given name, the name I use to co-inside with the government. I would like to say miigwetch to my nominators who believe in what I can accomplish, for encouraging to go forth and be of service to my community, Batchewana First Nation. So many issues need to be addressed; Homelessness, MMIW+Two Spirit and our Missing Indigenous Men, poverty, climate change. I think that respect should be earned and not given. Our grandmothers are what keep us going, all grandmothers are special and deserve the admiration that any grandmother deserves. They walk softly for us, to help all those who struggle to find the strength to be a better person and community member. Politics is not my strongest asset but I do have strong communication assets. I am a concerned and by my birth right a Batchewana First Nation member (as all band members are), Anishinaabe Kwe, Ogichitaa Kwe and a mother. I am very passionate about many things including:

- Training, conferences for all members.
- Meetings that are unbiased, frequent and accessible to all.
- Council members that are ready to answer direct questions and are accountable for their answers and receive direct communications with band members as well .
- Unity-among our First Nation, not divided, we all matter.
- Compassion and dignity for all treaty members.
- Understanding that inter-generational trauma is real and active in our community.

I am willing and able to learn and attend every meeting with the best interest of every Anishinaabe that belongs to our lands. I have been educating myself with communications skills, residential schools, Anishinaabemowin. I do have so much more to learn and have the courage to show gratitude, respect, integrity, acceptance and growth. Mino-bimaadiziwin (the good life) for all of our land keepers, grandmothers and band members of Batchewana First Nation.

Chi-miigwetch,

Tasha Agawa, Zeegwan Miskwadis

Let us form one body, one heart and defend to the last warrior, our country, our homes and the graves of our fathers - Tecumseh

HARVEY BELL

Re-Elect Strong Leadership

Experienced – Dedicated – Involved

Personal Address

Aanii BFN Community!

I have acquired a wealth of knowledge over my 30 years' experience serving on the BFN Council. I look forward to sharing my experience to keep us strong as a community.

It is a victorious time for us to see our Robinson Huron Treaty Annuities come to an agreement. We are experiencing the largest settlement ever in North America. Careful thought needs to be given to the most fair and equitable distribution of these annuity funds.

I encourage our community to come together in Ceremony to honour peace in our diversity, so we may consider our individual and collective needs for generations to come!

Chi-Miigwetch for your previous support! It is an honour to serve as part of the Council for BFN. I look forward to your continued support in this election. If you need to reach me with any questions, please feel free to contact me by email at: harvey@batchewana.ca or on my cell at: (705) 992-3011.

Miigwetch for your trust!

Sincerely,



Accountability and Transparency

BFN Chief and Council continue to hold quarterly in-person meetings in Rankin, Goulais, Obadjiwon and in SSM. Our agendas are full and include regular updates on all major projects and BFN spending. Every community member is welcome to attend and to have an onsite review of the BFN Council Minutes in the reception lobby in our administration building.

Summary of Accomplishments

Success is not made without challenges along the way...

- **Solar and Wind Farms** – We had to put in \$10 million to replace one turbine that collapsed from lightning, and we strengthened the integrity of the remaining turbines. Long range projection of return on our investment remains stable.
- **Water Systems** – The water treatment project is complete in Goulais and Obadjiwon. We hope to build human resource capacity for water treatment plant operations.
- **Townhouse Development** – 16 Units Built – two fires caused delay in occupancy – new building required for one building and repairs to the other. Increased insurance will be sought.

- **Long-term Care Facility** – 96 -bed facility will be erected near the Health Building. There have been some floor plan changes and slated tender for construction this term.
- **Treatment Centre** – The current building (former Salzburgerhof Resort in Batchewana Village) was used for 20 BFN members for treatment. This pilot project was a success. Further renovations will be complete within this term. There will be a focus on our opioid crisis, and we will utilize land-based cultural approaches and teachings.
- **Rankin Arena** – acquired nearly 3 million for upgrades to the arena.

New Opportunities

- **Cultural Building** – architectural rendering complete – needs federal dollars to proceed.
- **International Alternative Power** – numerous opportunities are amid development – relationships are being solidified and discussion talks occurring locally and out of country as a supplier of energy – BFN will be a leader amongst First Nations in Ontario/Canada.

Batchewana Needs

- **Child Welfare** – BFN is part of developing the Child Law for the North Shore Tribal area.
- **More Affordable Housing** - to meet the needs of our communities.
- **Further Prioritize Mental Health and Addictions** - in our communities.
- **Address Safety Issues** - in our communities.
- **Prioritize Health and Wellness** - for our communities especially for **Elder's needs**.
- **Continue focusing on Ceremony and Cultural Activities.**
- **Continue to Create Employment Opportunities** - provide training and education for our members.
- **Ensure our members have access to primary health care.**
- **Continue our fight for our inherent and sovereign rights...** Pennefather Treaty (1859) and support for all treaty rights and land challenges!

HARVEY BELL Portfolio:

- Currently serve as Board Member and Elder for North Shore Tribal Council (NSTC)
- Currently serve as an Elder for Nogdawindamin Child and Family Services
- Currently serve as an Elder for Assembly of First Nations (AFN), the Chiefs of Ontario (COO)
- Currently serve as an Elder for Association of Iroquois and Allied Indians (AIAI)
- Currently serve as President – Mukwa – Shongwich Nodin Kitagen GP Corp. (Bow Lake Farm)
- Currently serve as President – ChiWiikwedong partner with Capstone (Goulais Wind Farm)
- Currently serve as Director – Zaagate Giizis Energy, Inc. Solar Industrial Park
- Currently serve as Director – 242 Mica Bay – next phase III (Bow Lake)
- Currently serve as Board Member for Health Social Advisory Board (HSAB) - AIAI

Aanii

My name is Agnes (Bjornaa) Lidstone and I am running for Councillor. If elected I will represent the concerns and the best interest of the members through my dedication, knowledge, experience and understanding of the Batchewana First Nation needs for the following reasons:

1. I worked for the Batchewana First Nation for 22 years: 21 years in the Public Works Department as the Operations & Maintenance (O&M) Coordinator and 1 year in the Housing Department.
2. I retired on November 11, 2022 and can now devote my time to this position
3. As the O&M Coordinator, I managed public services including: Roads, Water, Sanitation, Fire Protection, Community Buildings (Band Office & Goulais Complex), Parks & Recreation and Cemeteries.
4. The 21 years managing Public Works and the 1 year in Housing Department provided an in-depth knowledge of the problems and issues facing our members.
5. I've been living on Rankin Reserve since 2012 and proud to call it my home.
6. I also lived off Reserve in Sault Ste. Marie, Batchawana Bay and Goulais Bay. I gained my status through Bill C31 in 1996. My 2 daughters and grandchildren gained their status under Bill S3. So, as members I recognize the issues that you face off Reserve.
7. My mother was born in Goulais Bay Mission and I still have ties to the community
8. My family were commercial fishers from Batchawana Bay and continue to live in the area today along with the many relatives. So, I know the village and the community very well.
9. The structure of the BFN Reserves and territories are unique and I am familiar with the layouts of Goulais Bay and Obadjiwan Reserves, the Lands Held in Trust in Batchawana Bay.

IT IS PUBLIC KNOWLEDGE THE TRACK RECORD IS NOT VERY GOOD FOR THE INVESTMENTS MADE BY COUNCIL ON OUR BEHALF:

1. The Solar Farms are in deficit
2. The Wind Towers are in deficit
3. The purchase of the Salzburger Hof Resort at Batchawana Bay remains inactive and is costing money for the maintenance
4. Throughout the years I made many recommendations for improvements to the Goulais Bay Reserve, Rankin Reserve, Obadjiwan Reserve, Lands held in Trust in Batchawana Bay and Whitefish Island Reserve: some were approved while others were declined due to funding constraints and other priorities.

IF I AM ELECTED TO COUNCIL, what I have to offer is the following:

- a) Valuable insight to the problems and advice for positive outcomes
- b) Provide information and facts to the Council table on the many issues

NOW IS THE TIME FOR CHANGE AND I CAN WORK FROM THE OTHER SIDE OF THE ISSUE AS A COUNCILLOR MAKING INFORMED DECISIONS BASED ON MY EXPERIENCE.

I will do my best to help our First Nation and members on Reserve and off Reserve move forward.

Miigwetch / Thank you for your support.

Elect Stephanie Boyer for Batchewana First Nation Council

Aaniin, I am Stephanie Boyer and I have been nominated for Council in our Batchewana First Nation election. I would like to thank Christelle Tegosh and Pamela Moore for nominating me. I am a community member of Rankin and have lived here my entire life. My parents are Ron and Druanne Boyer. I am the mother of three (3) who I am proud to call mine.

My work experience includes 19 years working directly with our children, youth, families and communities in Child Welfare, Education and Mental Health. My practice is to provide support and advocacy in a holistic manner and assert our rights as First Nation People in all areas to both on reserve as well as off reserve membership. I have extensive experience and knowledge supporting and advocating for our people against systematic oppression, discrimination and ensuring culturally appropriate support. These are real issues our people continue to face.

A few items I would like to focus on are developing in each of our communities, more consistent social programming, stable employment, and affordable housing. It is imperative that we take care of our most vulnerable such as our Elders, children, and others with barriers. Providing knowledge, safety, and security as such empowers our membership and communities as a whole.

Some qualities that I will bring to the table are **Respect, Integrity, Openness, Transparency and Commitment**. My goal is to work in the best interest of our membership in an accountable manner that allows our people to grow and thrive.

I look forward to your support in our upcoming election. I can be reached by email stephboyer@hotmail.com if you have any questions.

Chi-Miigwetch

June 27, 2023

Jessica Boyer - Bennett
Candidate for Batchewana First Nation Chief and Council

My fellow voters, I am honoured to be put forth as a candidate in the upcoming Batchewana First Nation General election. I am the daughter of the late Jessie and Garnet Boyer, former Chief of Batchewana First Nation. As a leader, he taught me to be community minded, to focus on the tasks at hand and to be a voice for change. As a proud member of Batchewana First Nation, life-long resident of Rankin Reserve and having raised both my children and soon to welcome my first grandchild, I have vast knowledge of our communities many strengths and weaknesses. I am excited to share my vision for a better future for our First Nation.

Clear Accountability to the Community: Transparency and accountability are the cornerstones of effective governance. We will establish clear mechanisms to keep the community informed about ongoing projects, revenue, and expenditures with regular meetings, open communication channels, and comprehensive reporting. It is essential that we work together, with trust and integrity, to achieve our shared goals.

Strong Focus on Youth: Our young people are the future leaders of our Nation. We shall work tirelessly to provide our youth with the resources, opportunities, and support they need to thrive. This means investing in education, vocational training, mentorship programs, and recreational activities. Advocating for the establishment of a Youth Council and giving them a direct voice in decision-making processes that affect their lives should be one of our top priorities.

Increased Cultural Programming: Preserving and celebrating our rich cultural heritage is of utmost importance. We will look to prioritize the expansion of cultural programming, events, and initiatives within our community. This includes supporting traditional teachings, language revitalization efforts, cultural festivals, and the creation of spaces where our youth and elders can come together to share and learn from one another. Our cultural identity is the foundation of our strength, and it must be nurtured and cherished.

Succession Planning for Staff: One of my primary goals as a council person will be to implement a comprehensive succession planning strategy for our staff. It is crucial that we invest in the professional development and mentorship of our employees to ensure a smooth transition of knowledge and skills. By nurturing our workforce, we can maintain continuity in our operations, provide stability, and promote long-term growth for our Nation.

Addiction, Housing, and Long-term Care Issues: Recognition and understanding of the devastating impacts of addiction on individuals, families, and our community that is currently happening. As members of BFN Council we will continue to prioritize the development and implementation of comprehensive addiction prevention, treatment, and aftercare programs. Additionally, committing to address the housing crisis by improving access to safe and affordable housing for all members through all means possible. Advocating for better long-term care options, ensuring our elders receive the support and dignity they deserve.

I believe in the incredible potential of our community and the collective strength that lies within us. With your support, I am committed to help lead Batchewana First Nation towards a future of inclusiveness, unity, and self-determination.

On July 28th, let's come together and vote for progress. Together, we can build a better future for all Batchewana First Nation members.

Miigwetch.

Jessica Boyer-Bennett

First, I want to thank those the nominated me, cousin Laura Robinson and Brenda Sayers, part of the Women Who Walk softly group. I was born in Sault Ste Marie and raised on Rankin Reserve (back side). My parents are Theodore and Marguerite Syrette. Mom was a residential school survivor from the girls school in Spanish. She was from Wikwemikong. I'm currently retired and living back in the home I grew up in.

I will be celebrating 40 years married to Mark, which doesn't feel like it's been a long time. He is a very supportive partner. Our 2 fabulous boys Kyle & Ethan keep us entertained.

I worked for Service Canada, for 37 years of service. I started under the Native Internship Program (NIP). Moving up to work for the unemployment insurance programs. With our move to Toronto (The Big Smoke) summer of 1999, I was able to secure employment working with the Aboriginal Liaison Unit. Starting out as a support clerk and advancing to a Program Officer. I was responsible for 9 Employment Agreements holder, as their was financial officer. This involved making payments (monthly or quarterly) and on site financing monitoring, which took me to various First Nation communities throughout Ontario. I thoroughly enjoyed flying Bearskin and adapting to flight delays. My last 4 years I was with the Privacy Commission, where I did plenty of reading and redacting. This provided me with insight to individual and their appeals to the Canadian Disabilities Program and other Service Canada programs.

I became involved with Women Who Walk Softly Nokomisinaan group because I felt our band members might not be treated fairly. We need to support our people. Look out for what's best the them.

With your support I hope to provide my; strong work habits, accountability, determination (as I try and find the answers), and communication (for better informed members).

Please take the time to vote, as it's your inherent right. I look forward to serving as a councillor for Batchewana First Nation.

Biindigen, Valery Catchpole

Aaniin;

My name is Carol Hermiston and my parents were Anne Nolan and Bill MacLean. My grandparents were Henry and Fanny Nolan and they were members of Batchewana First Nation. I have lived in the community of Batchewana First Nation (Rankin) for the past twelve years and I worked as the Community Health Nurse for fifteen years. I have a background in Mental Health Nursing, Child and Family Health and I also have a Degree in Indigenous Studies. I am currently retired from full time nursing but I continue to maintain my license with the College of Nurses.

I have always been very concerned with the needs of the people and I believe that there are workable solutions to all issues when we together as likeminded people towards the same goals and outcomes. I also believe that we honor our ancestors by the way that we live and that leadership is not the result of development but rather the process of developing and that is what I hope to be able to accomplish with the help of the people.

It is time that we claim the generational strengths that our ancestors left for us and reclaim our inherent rights as the First Nation people of Batchewana First Nation. My goal is to work a successful distribution of the Annuity funds for the people and to also work for Nation-to-Nation negotiations for all the people. I believe that you the people know best what the needs of this community are and I promise to be the voice that you are asking for at the Council table.

For this to be successful I believe that we require a strong and organized Chief and Council and I am therefore asking for your support at the upcoming election on July 28, 2023



Hello, Aaniin

My name is Dee-Anna Hewson.

I am the daughter of the late Roland and Marlene Hewson and granddaughter of the late Harry and Dianne Jones and Clayton Hewson and Grace Boyer.

I am a single mom to four beautiful children; Amelia, Albert, Chloe and Isaac. I am grateful each and everyday that they chose me to be their mom.

Born and raised on the Rankin Reserve, I am now raising my children in the home I grew up in on Old Garden River Rd. It is here I teach my children the responsibility that comes with being anishnaabe and living on First Nations land. They still have a lot to learn.

I served BFN Membership for 13 years in the Housing Department where I held the position of Housing Assistant and for a brief time, Housing Manager before my departure. During this time I witnessed the growth of our 3 communities and shared in the excitement of those chosen for home ownership. It was an honor to be trusted and respected by the tenants and community members I've worked with.

If elected for the position of Council, I hope to continue to build positive relationships and bridge the divide between our communities.

My campaign for election will not be based on promises, but to follow our 7 Grandfather Teachings when making decisions on behalf of BFN Membership.

I would like to thank my Aunt Elaine McDonagh and good friend Jodi Sandie for nominating me for the position of Council.

Please follow me on Facebook (Dee Hewson) where I will share my campaign poster which will highlight some of the changes I will advocate for.

Miigwetch

Dee-Anna Hewson

Re-Elect Luke McCoy for Council 2023



Aaniin Boozhoo,

My name is Luke McCoy. I would like to say Chi-Miigwetch for my nomination and I am very honored, excited and looking forward to the opportunity to again serve as your Councilor.

I am the son of Stella Neveau and Brian McCoy and proud brother of Derek and Stan McCoy. I am happily married to my beautiful wife Kathy and the proud father of Taylor and Luke and have resided in the community for most of my life.

Throughout the last two years, I have been passionate about various portfolios and numerous working groups, trying to learn, understand and further our Communities' needs. Some of these areas include:

Policing Portfolio: Working with BFN Police regarding necessary improvements including but not limited to building renovations (researching a new facility), training, policy and procedure updates and upgrades in equipment. Recognizing the dedication and service of our Officers and staff and working toward a better working relationship within the community and ongoing contract negotiations.

Logging Portfolio: Working with Loggers and insuring future long-term agreements and permits and recognizing our Indigenous Treaty Rights and inherent right to continue managing our forests. Working with Batchewana Natural Resources to develop a Forest Management Strategy to allow us control to log and distribute products, looking towards developing our own sawmill company.

Energy Sector Portfolio: Continued involvement with IESO's Indigenous Relations team (Energy Support Programs) regarding funding electricity system programs across First Nations. Continued negotiations with government and local agencies to secure business partnerships and developments coming soon.

Mining Sector Portfolio: Successfully negotiated an agreement with Alamos Gold Mining, recognizing that Island Gold is on BFN territory, continuing the partnership and honoring existing agreements and opening mining employment opportunities for our first nation members.

Housing Sector Portfolio: Recognizing the shortcomings and failures of the existing process and the need for changes. Involved in new developments for surveying and accessing infrastructure monies. Supporting and improving the need for continued quality housing, inspections, emergency response protocols, and ongoing Board and Employee training and development.

Healthcare: Ongoing developments in securing funding and planning for the new 96-bed Long Term Care Complex to best meet the needs of our Elders. Continued services for our Elders and membership, on and off reserve, involving access to frequent community programming, ongoing political negotiations and various social events.

Robinson Huron Treaty Annuity Settlement: Although no amount of compensation can ever make up for the hardships endured by Elders and community members, a \$10 billion settlement across the 21

Robinson Huron Treaty communities have been reached. Looking forward to working with the membership and Council for disbursement of funds.

I have numerous ongoing commitments with Education, Operations and Maintenance, Admin Support Services and Planning and Infrastructure, throughout Goulais, Obadjiwan, Rankin and nearby locations.

To everyone, I thank you for the assistance during my first term on Council. I encourage membership feedback and ideas and because of all your input and information, positive and negative, I will continue to bring forward concerns to Chief and fellow Council members and Directors.

Together, we can make a difference. I encourage you to reach out to me and let's start a conversation about what matters to you.

Please VOTE for Luke McCoy on July 28th, because WE MATTER and DESERVE TRANSPARENCY.

Luke McCoy

Hello Batchewana First Nation Membership

Our 2023 Election is underway and I wish all candidates a pleasant and respectful campaign experience.

My name is Elaine McDonagh (formerly Syrette) and I am seeking your support to be elected as a Councillor with the Batchewana First Nation Council.

I am the daughter of the late Louis (Nuggs) and Kathleen Syrette and am one of ten siblings raised on a small farm at the back of Rankin, Old Garden River Road. Since completing my formal education I have chosen to work for our community in a number of roles; namely, Rankin Day Care Head Teacher, Education Social Counsellor and Education Director which I retired from in November 2019.

During my 43 year career in First Nations Education, I have witnessed a lot of changes and growth and gained a lot of valuable experience that I feel I can share and offer to the Council table. I would hope to continue to contribute to the positive growth and development of our communities. I am a mother to adult daughter and grandmother to three young adults and now that I am retired, I have ample time and opportunity to participate in civic duties and decisions that will affect our First Nation.

I will not boast any electoral promises only to state that given your vote I will be 100% committed to fulfilling my role and duty as a councillor with honesty, integrity and respect for all membership. The responsibility of Councils' duties and decisions is important and must ensure that they are based in the best interests of membership and will move forward a healthy and sustainable future for all of our communities.

Miigwetch for your support!

Dear Members of the Batchewana First Nation Community,

I hope this newsletter finds you all in good health and high spirits. It is with great excitement and a strong sense of responsibility that I announce my candidacy for Council with our esteemed community.

I am writing this letter to express my sincere dedication and commitment to serving our community and working towards its betterment. As a resident of Batchewana First Nation, I have witnessed the strength, resilience, and untapped potential within our community. It is my firm belief that by actively participating in the decision-making processes, I can contribute to shaping a brighter future for all community members.

Throughout my life, I have been driven by a passion for community development, social justice, and advocacy. I firmly believe in the power of collaborative efforts and the importance of inclusive decision-making processes. If elected as a member of the Council, I will dedicate my time, skills, and energy to represent your voices, concerns, and aspirations effectively.

My core values include integrity, transparency, and accountability. I will strive to ensure that these values remain at the forefront of my work as a Council member. Furthermore, I am committed to fostering open lines of communication between the Council and community members. Your input, ideas, and feedback will be invaluable in shaping the decisions that affect our community's well-being and future:

Key areas of focus that I aim to address, in collaboration with the Council and community members, include;

1. Enhancing education and employment opportunities for our youth.
2. Preserving and promoting our cultural heritage and traditions.
3. Strengthening community infrastructure and services.
4. Facilitating economic growth and sustainability.

5. Supporting initiatives that promote health and well-being for all community members.

I humbly ask for your support, trust, and confidence in my ability to represent your interests effectively. I encourage you to reach out to me with any questions, concerns, or ideas you may have. Together, we can build a stronger, united, and prosperous Batchewana First Nation.

In the coming weeks, I look forward to engaging with you, attending community gatherings, and listening to your valuable insights and suggestions. Let us work hand in hand to create positive change and ensure that our community flourishes for generations to come.

Chi-Migwetch for your attention, and I kindly request your vote in the upcoming elections. Together, we can make a difference.

Migwetch (Thank you)!

Sincerely,

Philip K. Moore, CD



Aanii, Boozhoo Kina wiiya – Greetings Everyone!

Teala Nadjiwon ndizhnikaas minwa Sabekwe nda nishnabe noozwiin, Mikinak ndoodem. Bawating ndoonjibaa minwa London, ON. Potowatomi Odawa kwe ndaaw. Chi-miigwetch to my nominators Dawn MacIntyre and Tasha Agawa for putting my name forward as a candidate for Councillor in the upcoming elections on July 28, 2023. I consider this opportunity a great honour to represent your Voice at the leadership table where I will advocate for the continued advancement of our community's well-being for all Batchewana First Nation (BFN) membership, regardless of residency.

I have over fifteen years of experience working in high level policy and program development focused on improving Indigenous health and wellness outcomes to empower healthy intergenerational change through advocacy for systemic change and equality at all levels. In my professional work I utilize a social determinants of health lens to comprehensively consider solutions to the complex challenges we face through

a trauma informed policy and practice approach. Mino biimaadiziwiin – living the Good Life guides my personal life.

I have always believed to dream big and have vision, to set goals and make achievements. That when action is taken, it will effect change. By considering the lessons from the past, when we listen and engage with our community, we can move forward together to ensure effective governance and achieve advancements of our collective inherent and human rights.

The concept of Seven Generations is our Anishnabeg gikendaasowin, our ways of knowing and doing decision-making where our leadership sat in Clan Council with community and thoughtfully considered decisions of the day with their potential to impact on the next seven generations. This was practiced in the way our Ancestors negotiated the 1850 Robinson Huron Treaty (RHT) in the hopes it would ensure the well-being and prosperity of their people with the encroachment of settlers in their territory. We have come full circle seven generations later, where RHT leadership of the day must make decisions that will affect future generations.

Practicing good governance begins with a shared vision of the future that will guide us for generations to come where we collectively identify priorities and strategies to chart the course of where we want to be. There should be access to participate in a decision-making process that is legitimate, transparent, inclusive, and appropriate for BFN. Ensuring multiple opportunities to understand, contribute and give opinion on decision making is essential. Leadership must have a clear mandate with strategic direction and be accountable to BFN membership. Developing effective ways to share meaningful information is essential to communicate our collective interests and concerns, how direction and action will be implemented and to report on any progress will ensure we are moving forward together.

Through good governance, we have good administration, and this results in good programming and services for BFN.

I look forward to the upcoming elections and congratulate my fellow candidates for accepting their nominations to hold a Leadership role with Batchewana First Nation.

I am available via email: teala.nadjiwon@gmail.com, and on social media FaceBook as Teala Rose Nadjiwon – please follow for more upcoming information and if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to connect with me.

Miigwetch

Teala Nadjiwon

Aaniin Batchewana First Nation Membership,

It is with immense gratitude that I reflect upon my time serving our First Nation as a Council Member. I would like to express my heartfelt thanks to our membership for their unwavering support during my term and my appreciation to Shirley Syrette and Jean Syrette for nominating me in the upcoming election.

As an engaged member of our community, I have witnessed firsthand the challenges we face and the remarkable strengths and pride that define us. In order to overcome these challenges and achieve greatness, we require strong, accountable leadership. I will continue to listen to our members and work collaboratively with each council member to find solutions to the challenges we face. I am confident that my experience and commitment will help empower our community's vision for the future.

It is essential that each band member has a voice in determining the allocation of the Treaty funds. The responsibility of the Chief and Council is not to make these decisions independently but rather to facilitate and uphold the collective input and recommendations from the community members.

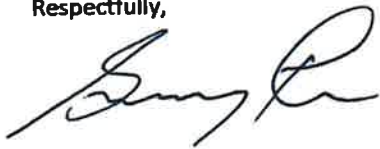
Our youth represent the future of our First Nation, and it is crucial that we invest in their well-being. Our kids urgently require a Rec Center/Community Center that can offer a safe and secure environment for all. By investing in such a facility, we can provide organized programs, sports activities, and resources.

It is the First Nation's responsibility to ensure that all members, both on and off reserve, have access to affordable housing more than ever with the rise in both rent and mortgage rates. My vision encompasses the expansion of serviceable lots in all communities to allow the ongoing development of new homes, townhouses, and apartment buildings.

Furthermore, as we embark on the construction of the new 96-bed Long Term Care Facility, I am committed to enhancing support services and medical personnel tailored to our elder's needs. In doing so, this facility not only ensures that our elders are provided with the proper care they deserve but will also create good-paying job opportunities for our community members.

In conclusion, if re-elected, I pledge to remain attentive to our membership's concerns and advocate on their behalf. I eagerly anticipate fostering growth and development across our communities. Committed to change and result-driven, I humbly ask for your Vote for Councillor in the upcoming election on July 28th, 2023.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Gary Roach Jr.', written in a cursive style.

Gary Roach Jr.



Batchewana First Nation 2023 Election

VOTE JODI SANDIE **FOR COUNCIL**

A NEW PERSPECTIVE AND CHANGE

Aanii – Hello my name is Jodi Sandie (McCoy) my spirit name is Shi-Shi-Gwan-Mizike – Shaking Turtle Women. My mother is Debbie (Debra) McCoy.

I would like to thank Mark McCoy & DeeAnna Hewson for nominating me for council. It has truly been a dream of mine to hopefully be able to make a powerful impact on our community.

Some of my career history includes working for Batchewana First Nation in many positions starting as a day camp counselor during my teen years all the way to my most recent working in the Housing Department as the Tenant Liaison Worker.

During my time working within the community I believe I have been able to show my dedication and work ethic to all – which I plan on continuing if given the opportunity to be a council member.

Some key things I hope to give to the community are openness, truthfulness and transparency. Listed below are some of the areas where I would like to be a part of making a change and difference;

- Housing is an area that I would like to see become better for our future generations specifically with more opportunities to secure home ownership for the younger generation. Especially with affordable housing.
- Assisting with finding more resources to help our youth and elders in all aspects of life – including alternative ways to connect back to the culture.
- Mental Health awareness – I've personally noticed a change in our community where many people and families go un-noticed when it comes to mental health and I plan to help and support in any way that I can moving forward.

I look forward to being able to represent Batchewana First Nation and to continue the growth of our community to become stronger for our future generations.

For any inquiries feel free to reach out via social media.

ELECT JODI SANDIE FOR COUNCIL
“A NEW PERSPECTIVE AND CHANGE”

For those who don't know me my name is Allen James Sayers I have always went by jim. First off I would like to thank Jessica and Dave Grawberger for nominating me for chief and counsel. At this point, I left my name in for a council position. I recently retired from our police service after spending 29 1/2 years policing our communities ,prior to that I spent three years working for Canada customs at Toronto airport. During my time at our police service, I put together a group and challenged the Ontario government in regards to a human rights Complaint based on discrimination which resulted in equal pay for all first nations officers in Ontario. Over the years, I have been involved in our commercial fishing industry. Which I continue to do to this day I have been involved in the 10 year litigation that resulted in our treaty rights to commercial fish. In order to assist that process, my brother, John and I built a cabin on Whitefish Island where my uncle Eddy lived all winter to prove the strength of our treaty. I have also testified in court in regards to the Gargantua case, which resulted in a win in our favour. If elected I will continue to work for the first nation. I hope this letter gets to Alex. I am dictating it on my phone in my wheelhouse running down the lake from the Northshore. Good luck to all of the candidates. Jim



BRENDA MARY SAYERS

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To: The Membership of Batchewana First Nation,

I am Brenda Mary Sayers, daughter of Gordon and Donna Sayers. My partner Darcey McCormick and I have 5 children, Lisa, Mary Jane, Mallory, Samantha, and Darcey Jr. I am also blessed with 4 grandchildren.

I would like to thank Lisa and Samantha for nominating me for the position of Councilor.

I am recently retired from Batchewana First Nation Education Department after 35 years.

Currently, I have been involved in the "Women Who Walk Softly" grandmother group who are seeking information regarding the Annuity back payment.

I believe and will fight for 100% payout to our membership.

Transparency and accountability are big factors that go hand in hand in the position of Chief and Council. In my past position for BFN, both values were part of my day-to-day tracking and recording financial records and audits. With my experience in the financial field, this will be an asset to the table.

Two-way communication is the key to success. I believe that everyone needs to have input into our First Nation, whether it be purchasing buildings/companies, changing our work hours, annuity payments, opioid crisis, mental health crisis, or investment opportunities. We all need to have a say for the longevity of our future generations.

I would like to hear from you on your thoughts and concerns for the future of our First Nation. What solutions would you like to bring forward? What concerns and issues are present for you? I am open to having a telephone call, an email or even a face-to-face conversation.

Sincerely,

Brenda Mary Sayers



Dan Sayers Sr. For Council



Aaniin, Dan Sayers Sr., long standing community member of the Batchewana First Nation. Proud Father of two, grandfather of six and great grandfather of two. Owner/Operator of small business Bald Eagle Resources which specializes in home care, yard beatification, and snow removal.

Special Thank you to my nominators: Sam McCormick and Laura Robinson.

It is a great honour to be nominated again for the role as Councilor for BFN. I would like to build off the momentum that I created a few years ago during my first two-year term. As a liaison for our BFN police services, I was able to participate in successful negotiations with the Ontario Provincial Police for a tri part agreement. Included in my previous term was a seat on the Shingwauk Board, ALFDC Board, Batchewana Band Industries board and the Education portfolio.

Current Concerns:

- ✓ **Housing, as a Community Elder if elected I will be stressing the strong importance of creating more affordable housing for our members via reserve expansion with more than adequate services to our new homes.**
- ✓ **RHT Annuities Disbursement, it should be up to our BFN Members how this money is divided.**
- ✓ **Working with fellow leadership, administration and our membership to create programs, and services that our going to strengthen our future generations and bring back Pride to our First Nation.**

In conclusion we are at the verge of regaining strength of OUR community as we continue to push forward make you voice be heard on election day, July 28th 2023.

Vote Dan Sayers Sr. For Council





Joe Tom Sayers for Council

Aanii, Boozho

Miigwech for my nominators Dave Desjardins and Roxanne Robinson.

Treaty Right to the Annuity

My grandfather's grandfather Joe Sayer signed the Robinson Treaty in 1850. The annuity was to help the people live in a rapidly changing economy, and no matter what may happen, they would always enjoy the benefits from the white man's use of our land. As one of your elected council members, I will work to protect your annuity treaty right; both past owing and future payments.

Affordable Housing/Home Ownership

As the serviced lots in our home reserves are nearly fully utilized, I propose we develop affordable housing projects for our members in urban centers. My experience in the last three years has resulted in creating over 1200 beds in a variety of markets for a variety of Indigenous needs: long term care (192), emergency (800), affordable (220) and condos (100). An example is a project I helped to develop in Toronto that will serve Indigenous seniors and middle income Indigenous families to either rent or own their units in the Davisville area. This will be built and will receive tenants/owners in 2026. As with all of my current housing projects, Batchewana members are eligible and welcome to participate!

Fight Addictions!

As your councilor, I will table a proposal to create the first ever Batchewana First Nation Intervention Unit. Our families are suffering from the loss of a loved one to addiction, and it seems that there is no way out. It is time that our First Nation steps up in a meaningful way and truly supports our families to provide for their full recovery cycle from the intervention, detox, treatment, aftercare and transition. Let us work together to save our families from addiction!

BFN Community Service Hubs

For the past three years, I have had the honor to work for a First Nation that never had a reserve to call home. They manage to service their membership no matter where they live, so why can't BFN do the same?

I would propose that the new Chief and Council consult our membership to determine the best locations for service hubs based on the concentration of where our members live.

Youth: On and Off Reserve Supports

There are many amazing youth initiatives that are currently offered by our dedicated staff. We are also in a special time where Jordan's Principle, children's mental health, and focus on education success are being invested by all levels of government.

I propose we extend this success to our off reserve youth and families through the proposed service hub network.

Business Development

I've long advocated that our members be the primary shareholders of our community owned enterprises, and will work to organize our businesses into a single structure that is accountable to the membership.

For our entrepreneurs, access to low cost financing for both on and off businesses is difficult at best. I will work to create financing options for our businesses to expand and create more jobs for our members, and develop a business incubator to help new businesses get a jumpstart to success.

In my current role, I've negotiated 30+ joint venture companies that gross 20+ million annually and we are building nearly 300million in real estate assets for the community membership.

With your vote, I will be honored to have the opportunity in creating this success for my home First Nation.

Miigwech

*Joe Tom Sayers, Bachelor of Arts (Honors) Master of Public Administration
PhD Student Social and Political Thought*

Ahniin/Boozhoo: My name is Melissa Sayers (Manidoo Migizi N'dishnakaaz, Jijawk Dodem), I have been nominated to run again in the upcoming Batchewana First Nation Elections! First, I would like to thank my nominators, Christine Sayers and Cheristy Syrette. It is a great honour to have people believe in you to be elected a leader and I took that honour to heart. Being a leader, you must keep in mind our grassroots from the past, present and future to work what is best for our community as a whole. I again attended at least 90-95% of the meetings and only missed 3 meetings in the last 2 years due to medical reasons.

I have resided on Rankin Reserve my whole life, and I have worked with First Nation families for the last 27 years. I have gained valuable experience in working with our band member's needs and I have got to see firsthand the struggles our members endure within their perspective communities.



What I have learned in the last 4 years is that everyone has their own perspective on issues, events, topics and situations. Not everyone is going to agree with decisions that are made but as a council we need to work together to ensure what is fair for all in the best way possible. I believe that in working together collaboratively for positive outcomes. I have also learned that my input is only one perspective, and that many other perspectives and resources are needed in order to assist in the decision-making process. Good decisions can be made collaboratively, solutions can be found when we work together for our membership. We do; however, we must keep in mind our policies and procedures, legal opinions, research and surveys also help with the decision making of our first nation. Fairness and objectivity are tools to help the process.

Some topics that we have been working on are in the last 2 years are:

Natural Resources, Logging, fishing, traditional territories. – Our Natural Resource Department works diligently on working for our rights for fishing, hunting and logging. We have a department that we should all be proud of, as their hard work does not go unnoticed. With respect to our logging, we are not quite near where we want to be with the province, but we are trying our best to get all our loggers out there so that they are able to make a living and these discussions are ongoing.

Long Term Care – The LTC facility will have 96 beds will begin breaking ground soon. The facility plans look great and I am excited that our elders will have a place to go once they reach their aging years. The plans also include a traditional aspect and that is something that is not practiced with indigenous elders in the province. Breaking ground for the LTC will be by the end of summer. Many jobs will be on the horizon!

Treatment Centre – We are still trying to secure funding to go further with this project, we do still see a need for our members to have facility to assist with their treatment as the substance abuse is a major concern in our communities and we need a safe place for our members to heal holistically.

Rankin Arena upgrades. Funding has been approved so that the arena can do some much need upgrades to the arena to making it more energy efficient.

Staff - One thing that as council we worked together to ensure wage parity for our staff and we implemented a trial run of a 4-day work week to help promote employee mental, physical and spiritual well-being.

Water plant - The Goulais and Obadjiwan Water Plant is now completed, and we are glad our members in the outlying communities can now have clean drinking water. Such a great accomplishment!

Culture Building – We are still committed into finding funding to move this project along. The intent of the Culture building will have a gym, kitchen, a place to have funerals more locally and the Youth Centre will also be moved to this facility. I firmly believe that we need a cultural department to help balance our communities spiritually and wholistically. This department can assist with starting meetings, workshops, events in a good way by having an opening prayer and smudge. This department can help put on events, such as the powwows, Indigenous day events, Treaty week, language nights, drum nights, regalia making etc. Our community needs more cultural supports so that we do not forget our teachings and to revitalize our language.

New Housing Units – We are near completion of one of the units that will hold 8 separate units. There were to be 16 units, but a fire has resulted in the other 8 units to be put on hold for the time being and we are committed to seeing this project finalized.

Annuities – As many watched the update that was held on June 17, 2023 – I couldn't help but become emotional, as I was thinking of our Chiefs, Nebenaigoching and Chief Shingwauk who signed the Treaty in 1850, as this is what they had fought for. What an honour for our community to be a part of this piece of history and I am looking forward to the community engagements, discussions in the coming weeks on how to move forward with the process.

Those are just some of the projects and there are many, many more and too much to list. With that being said, I would like to continue to work in conjunction with the other elected council members and collaborate with all three of our communities to focus on more on economic development that our community needs. With solid strategic planning, we can accomplish these goals so that all our communities can prosper.

In closing, I would like to wish the best of luck to all candidates running in this year's election and may the next group of elected officials continue to advocate and be the voice of our people and for the betterment of our communities. Ahoo! Miigwetch!



VOTE FOR TRAPPER

- ✓ Family
- ✓ Community
- ✓ Culture



If any of those words connect with you, then you know where your vote needs to go!

As a continued member of leadership, my **GOALS** are going to remain as:

1. Prioritizing funding resources to optimize the best possible outcomes for our Community and an improvement to our way of life.
2. Providing additional supports for the staff of Batchewana First Nation.
3. Work collaboratively with Leadership to provide transparency and guidance to our Communities.
4. Development of YOUTH infostructure, programs to ensure the future leaders continue to grow and strive for a brighter tomorrow.

As a continued member of leadership my **OBJECTIVES** will be as follows:

1. Continuously search to secure funding for Affordable Housing, Education, Home Community Care Program. Ensure the funds are secure and made available to improve the quality of life for our community members.
2. Work with our staff members to engulf them with the required assets to continue to provide efficient positive and productive services.
3. Keeping the community members informed through various platforms, soliciting input prior to major purchases with community funds.
4. RHT money distributions should be decided upon by the membership.

Bozhoo, Biizhew n'dishnakaz, Miigizi dodem, Rankin Reserve, Batchewana First Nation n'donjeba. Winnibozhoo nindawayma mannidoog Ojibway Anishnabe nini endow.

My English name is **Trevor Sayers Sr**, better known to most as **Trapper**. My Anishinaabe name is the Lynx and I am a representative of the Eagle Clan and a proud to be born and raised as a member of Batchewana First Nation. I am a father of two ambitious handsome young men and an adorable fabulous young lady. Also, I am a proud grandfather of two handsome grandchildren.

A huge thank you goes out to my nominators: Jazlyn Sewell and Julianna Lesage, for their vote of confidence to run again in the 2023 BFN election.

Any questions please reach out via email to tsayers77@hotmail.com.

"As Anishnabe we have the gift to dream, so dream big and protect our future."

Trevor Sayers Sr

VOTE FOR TRAPPER



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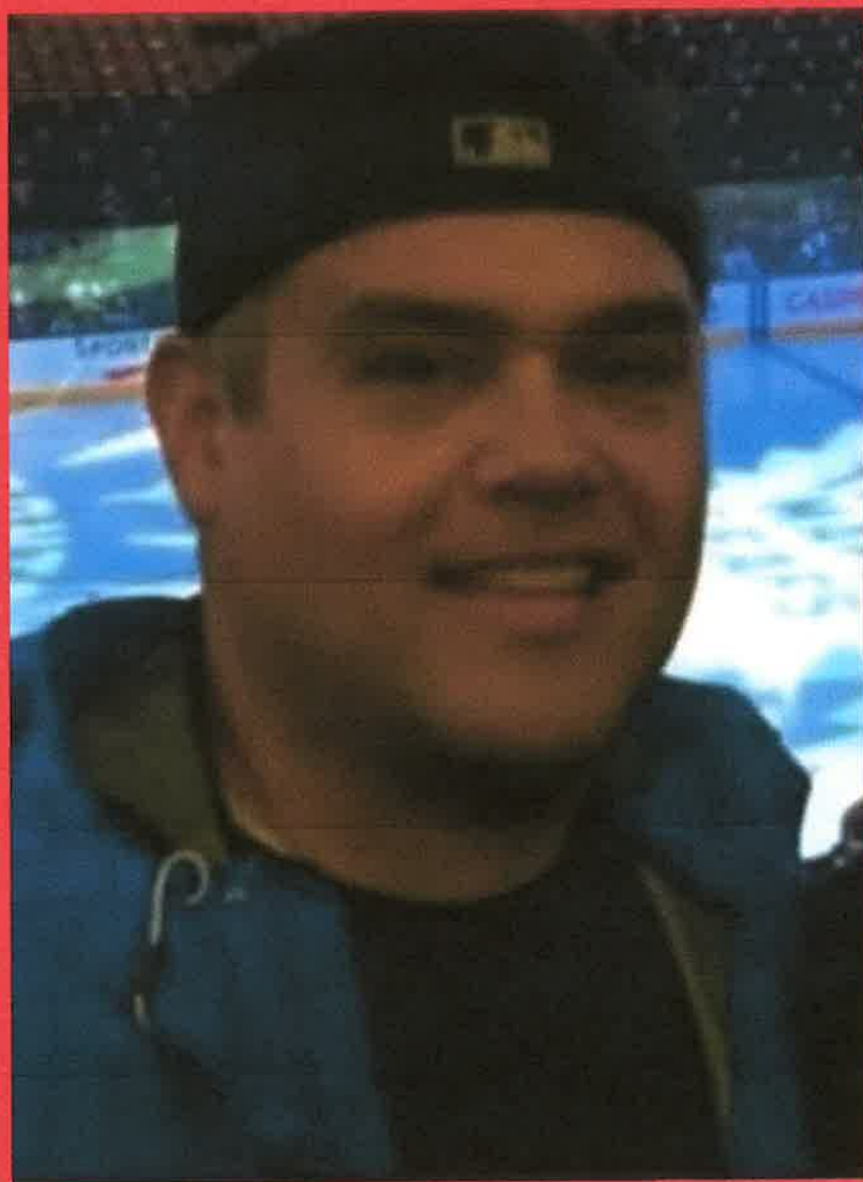


PETER SEWELL

FOR 2023 BAND COUNCIL

KEY ACTION ITEMS:

1. DEDICATED TO
LAND BASED
ACTIVITIES
2. DEDICATED TO
YOUTH
INITIATIVES
3. COMMITTED TO
MORE
COMMUNICATION
TO OUR
MEMBERSHIPS
4. IN AGREEMENT
WITH 100%
PAYOUT FROM
RHT



**DON'T LET YOUR
VOTE GO TO WASTE!**

Boozhoo, Im Hannah Syrette

BIINAAKWE GIIZIS KWE RANKIN NINDOONJIBAA
AJIJAAK NDOODEM ANISHINAABE KWE ENDOW

ABOUT ME

Aaniin, My name is Hannah Syrette and I am a proud band member of Batchewana First Nation. I am the daughter of Scott Syrette, granddaughter of Patricia Syrette and grew up on Rankin Reserve. I now live in Goulais River with my husband where we own & operate our small Business- Arnott's Firewood & Equipment. I hold an Honours Bachelor of Social Work degree and I am currently in the Bachelor of Education Program to become a teacher. I am employed at the Huron-Superior Catholic District School Board and I am passionate about First Nation Student Success. I am running for the position of Council with Batchewana First Nation because I feel I can bring my educational background to the council table to advocate for band members and listen to your voices.



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VALUES I CAN BRING TO COUNCIL

- Transparency & Communication to members
- Accountability
- Dedication, Innovation & Integrity
- Advocate the peoples voices in our communities

EDUCATED IN...

- Social Work
- Child Welfare
- Education
- Business/Entrepreneurship
- Forestry
- Various types of Boards & Committees

Boozhoo, Im Hannah Syrette

**PASSIONATE ABOUT SOCIAL WORK & EDUCATION
"REWRITE & RERIGHT" - L. SMITH**

EXPERIENCE/QUALIFICATIONS

- ✦ Business Owner in the Forestry Sector
- ✦ Obtained an Honours Bachelor of Social Work Degree in 2019
- ✦ Enrolled in the Bachelor of Education Degree Program at Queens University
- ✦ Employed at the Huron-Superior Catholic District School Board working with 100+ Indigenous students with their academic and cultural success
- ✦ Experience with Batchewana First Nation:
 - Summer Day Camp Counsellor and Coordinator
 - Teen Centre Child & Youth Worker (Rankin, Goulais Bay, and Obadjiwan)
 - Summer Data Entry & Administration Assistant
 - Summer Student Employment Coordinator

I feel I would be a great contribution to the Council Table because I am passionate about Social Work, Education, Child Welfare, teaching our children in our traditional ways, and advocating for our members. I attend as many council meetings as I can to become educated on where our community is at. I believe in transparency, honesty, and collaboration. Please don't hesitate to reach out to me, at any time. I want to chat with everybody and hear your concerns.

I hear you, I validate you, now let's work together to better our communities.
Miigwech

Contact me:

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Awards/Certifications

- Algoma University Scholarship
- BFN Human Services Area Scholarship x3
- Algoma University Deans List x4
- BFN Overall University Student Scholarship
- Working with Difficult People Training
- Harm Reduction & Substance Use Training
- Understanding Human Rights Training
- Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training (ASIST)
- Child Welfare Authorization Training
- Privacy Training (CYFSA & PHIPA)
- Trauma Strengths & Resiliency Training
- Naloxone Training
- Crisis Intervention for High-Risk Youth
- Addressing Indigenous Peoples' Collective Trauma Training
- Forensic Interviewing

Volunteering Experience:

- Algoma University O-Week Leader
- Social Work Student Association
- Shingwaak Anishinaabe Student's Association
- Aboriginal Peoples' Council
- Algoma University Alumni Council
- Algoma Family Services Advisory Council

★ELECT★

ANN TEGOSH

For Batchewana First Nation Council

For 27 years I was employed as a Batchewana First Nation Police Constable until my retirement in January of 2020. I am proud to have been the first female police constable hired in Batchewana First Nation history. During my career with Batchewana First Nation Police I worked extensively within our three communities and our traditional lands including White Fish Island. Throughout my employment with Batchewana First Nation Police, I provided services to Batchewana First Nations community members in a compassionate and respectful manner. Police work requires a number of skills such as assessing situations; identifying problems and solutions; making decisions based on fact and logic; and maintaining high ethical standards, all of which I believe will aid me in my role as a council member with Batchewana First Nation.

As mentioned above, I am a retiree and will devote the time and energy necessary to fulfill the duties of a Batchewana First Nation council member.

On a personal note, I am the mother to two adult children who each own and operate their own successful businesses. And in addition I am

the proud grandmother of three grandchildren, one of whom recently graduated from Algoma University, and two who are enrolled in elementary school.

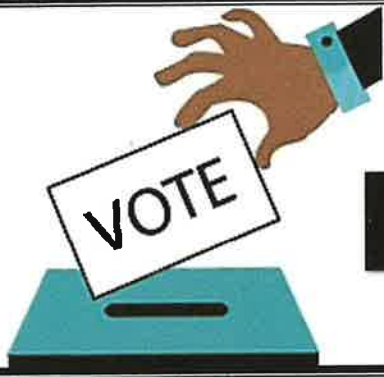
If elected I undertake to perform my duties as a council member with:

- Integrity;
- Honesty;
- Dependability;
- Commitment;
- Passion; and
- A willingness to learn.

If anyone has any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me.

In closing, I would like to extend best wishes to all of the candidates and encourage all band members to cast your ballot.

Thank you to Darlene Syrette and Cheristy Syrette for nominating me.



MIKE TEGOSH

Hello, My name is Mike Tegosh and I ask for your vote on July 28th.

The names usually appear by alphabetical order so I will probably be the last name on the ballot.

Miigwetch Pam and Christelle for the nomination.

For those of you who don't know me, I was raised on the Rankin Reserve. I am married, have 5 children and as a family we support everything that goes on in our communities.

I am a respectful and easy-going person. I am always willing to listen and learn. I am a team player and not a follower. I have no hidden agenda. I know that I am only one person, but I will however be an active participant in making sure that all our communities are equally represented. I have a voice and am not afraid to use it.

If elected, I will do my best to represent EVERYONE and promote the best interest of our First Nation as a whole.

Good luck to everyone on July 28th. Miigwetch, I look forward to your support on Election Day.

Miigwetch

FOR COUNCILLOR