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I would like to take a moment to thank my nominators Marsha Macey and Leon Charles Stark, I am humbled and honored by your faith and belief in my ability to do a good job for our Community.

My name is Angela Sandy for those who do not know me I am the daughter of Glen Sandy and Janet and Tim Sylvester and the granddaughter of the late Lorna Patricia and Herman Sandy and Josephine Baker nee King, I am the mother of two amazing daughters Kerstin and Grace, my girls have shaped my life and allow me to be the person I am today.

Currently I reside in the community and have lived here for most of my life, I did leave from time to time to further my career and provide for my children but always found my way back home.

I consider myself to be a community oriented, deeply rooted proud Anishnabe Kwe. I have great pride for our home and all our members, we have the most resilient, talented, and highly skilled people. My envision for the next two-year term is to really build on the capacity of the community and the membership.

My chosen field for my career is Social Work, at present I am completing my bachelor's degree at Ryerson University. I have been doing my studies part time over zoom because of covid, hats off to all the student's from JK to University, learning in this new system is challenging.

I have worked in the field for the last sixteen years, holding many different positions from the Violence Against Woman sector to Ontario Works, to Child Welfare and Addictions and working for Healing Centers. What I learnt most about my work is I have a passion for people, I see qualities and strengths in others even when they are having trouble seeing it for themselves.

I would like to acknowledge the work and dedication of all the past Chief and Council, each term has contributed to the creation of our current reality. We have overcome many different obstacles and traumatic events and each leader did the best they could with what they had to work with at that time.

Moving forward there are many areas that need immediate attention, our environmental impact, the landfill site, a new school, and daycare center. The other areas that we will need to look at are economics, social and education there has been many instances where people are expressing lack of respect while trying to access support and programs, there is also a need for equal opportunities for all members, regardless of social status and more training and education opportunities to start building capacity and strength, supports for members wanting to become self-sustaining.

There was talk at previous trust meetings about creating a community navigator, someone who can guide members on how and where to apply for assistance, this is a great idea and something that should be implemented immediately. We need to support our membership regardless of where we reside. There is also a need for a support program for off-reserve members to access for assistance with things where there is no other help available.

Transparency, honesty, integrity, and empathy is what I promise I will bring to the table. I will hold myself and others accountable to the community for the decisions being made. I will continue to have an open-door policy and continue to make space for you when you need. If elected I will show up and do my best for you and your family. I will continue to seek the advice and guidance from you the Community.

On May 22nd check Angela Sandy – for Council and allow me the honor to continue serving our Community.

Miigwech and good luck to all the candidates.