

Brian Vanderstelt – Nominee for Councillor

“For the Family”

Family is a whole community, the Chimnissing community and I am committed to working tirelessly for that family. I am honoured to be nominated for Council, to apply my knowledge to support my community is a great blessing. I believe to have a strong community, we must all work together to serve the needs of our members. I have experienced through hard work, communication and listening to everyone: our youth, elders, and everyone in between, we will be stronger. If elected, I promise to work for the community as a whole. I will be present and accountable. I will put emphasis on communication, both listening and reporting. I believe the role of Councillor is to be a resource to assist in developing, supporting, and improving life for all members. I will work collaboratively with my appointed portfolio, empowering the department to have an equitable voice regardless of position. I am committed to the fiscal responsibility of the Nation and its application to community services, safety and growth.

For those who do not know me, I am the son of Theresa Eva (Mixemong) and the late John Vanderstelt. My grandparents were Andrew and Ella Mixemong. As a young child I was lucky to be raised in two worlds, the urban city and Chimnissing. My time on Christian Island engrained a strong sense of community and the value of teamwork. As a youth, I was fortunate to obtain educational support and working with the GBNFC as their Economic Development Officer that launched me into a successful career in logistics which has served me well and afforded me the benefits to raise a strong family. A family who has been eager to learn more of our heritage, language, and spirituality.



In my logistics career, I was fortunate to work with a broad spectrum of people with differing heritage, languages, experiences, and knowledge whereby I learned the power of blending different experience to strengthen each other.

As a homeowner and business operator on the Island, I work tirelessly to help whenever I can. I know first-hand the struggle to access resources, the cost of transportation and the importance of keeping costs low. I have made it a part of my business plan to put the needs of our community first and am committed to providing quality product without compromise. I am thankful for the opportunity to serve in such a tangible way to the needs of our community with consistency and regularity. Volunteering has also been a family focus for our family: fundraising and managing Little NHL teams, Panera Bread for Social Services, equipment for Right to Play and clothing for the Thrift Shop, or even responding to requests for help from community members; I have always and will always be there for my community.

Please consider me for Council so I can continue applying my knowledge and experience with greater impact for everyone in Beausoleil First Nation – Our Family.