

Aaniin Chimnissing,

Naajaabo ndizhibaaz (Doug King) mizgizi Ndoodem. First, I would like to thank my nominators Paula McCue and Dominic Vallee-King. I humbly accept the nomination for chief and I look forward to the coming weeks.

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself. As many of you know I have lived on our beautiful Chimnissing for most of my life. I am the son of Lyla and the late Randy King and I have raised five children all of whom inspire me every day.

In my early adult years, I worked on the mainland and gravitated towards working for family-owned businesses. While working for those businesses I learned what it means to be dependable, loyal and that communication is key to successful partnerships. You could say that I became homesick and I decided that I wanted to work in my community and do something impactful. I started my career working at the school and with-in those first eight years I worked as an education assistant, teacher and coach. I found my passion was teaching the language to our children, and for twelve years now I have held the Anishnaabemowin teacher position at Christian Island Elementary School.

I believe each individual needs to be seen, heard, valued and loved for their **strengths**. I believe this is the main quality of a leader. As a community we need to work cohesively to reach our common goals. As chief I will lead our community with open communication, transparency and equality.

Thank you for taking the time to allow me to introduce myself and share with you my experience, passion and visions for our beautiful community.

Chi Miigwetch,

Douglas King

