

Joanne P. Sandy Your Candidate for Beausoleil First Nation Chief/Council.



I first would like to take this opportunity to thank my nominators for putting their faith in me for both Chief- Edna H. King and Greg King and for the position of Councillor – Mabel King and Cheryl Mccue.

Having sat in the position of Chief Councillor for the past 9 years (4 Terms) of which my main focus has been the portfolio of Social & Family Services and Public Works which includes our Water Treatment Plant, Roads, Transportation, Waste, Housing and others. While working closely, with the Former Director James Trimble.

Here are some of the Current Projects that we have been working on and that are ongoing and near completion are:

- The New Ferry which is now delayed until late 2021 or early 2022.
 - The Docks Project for both Cedar Point and Christian Island and much work is being done now before the in water shut down April 30, because of fish spawning.
- Roads surfacing with Asphalt and Tar and Chip on most of the community roads But First Dust Control which has been approved by council and will be applied soon. (So we can all breath better).
- Housing both new and renovations continues to be ongoing.
 - Hydro One upgrades & Fiber Optics is being worked on.
 - Springwater Park in Midhurst is one of the projects I have been working from the beginning and we must move ahead and attempt to purchase this property from the Provincial Government for our people.

Ongoing Treaty Research and Land Claims and Land Purchases for (ADR) must remain one of the Top Priorities of the new Chief and Council the ongoing Williams Treaty Claim and others are far from over and we must protect our rights and Territory vigorously

If we are going to continue to uphold them, for our Membership. We are being surrounded by other First Nations and Metis Groups who are currently trying to claim our territory thru the courts and their new land claims. There is a team perusing this but they need continued support.

Departments such as Education: which includes Daycare, School, Latch Key (Mana) Secondary and Post Secondary Finance: including Payroll, Accounts Payable, Purchase Orders etc., HR (Human Resources): Jobs (hiring's), Pensions, Benefits etc., Political: that includes Land Claims, outside Affiliations, Lobbying, Advocacy and others and Health: which include Health Center and Senior Center Services. All of these areas are the Portfolios that are held by the others Councillors.

It has always been the responsibility of the Current and past Chief and Councils to be active in their Portfolio positions. The Chief and Council responsibility is to approve funding and monitor all First Nation projects and insure that they are completed on time.

We have to move forward with to update our own Beausoleil First Nation Constitution, Governance and Strategic Plans for ourselves and Membership, which should coincide with our comprehensive community Plan for the present and future of our Members.

The completion of the long outstanding Membership Code also has to be a priority for our newly elected officials. Our Election Code that has been sitting in Ottawa for over a year now waiting for the Ministers Signature. We have to stress with the Government the importance to expediting getting this document signed.

I wonder, what happened to the Seven Grandfather Awards? This has to be put back into place with all of the Membership involved in the Nomination and Presentation of Awards Process.

Wisdom, Respect, Truth, Humility, Honesty, Courage, Love

If elected it will be one of my many priorities as your Chief or Chief Councillor to continue to listen to our people and insuring that updates and information are provided to the members of our First Nation within our Community and those living in other Communities, Cities, Provinces and Countries. Two way communications is vital, if we are to succeed and prosper as a people in this time of uncertainty. This has to be done in various ways as not everyone is Tee savvy. More Community information meetings, mailings, Internet, phone calls, radio announcements or even personal visits for those people who are unable to leave their homes must be implemented. It is hopeful that all of the members running for office feel the same way.

There are a lot of projects on the go and many new projects and Funding that is needed if we are to flourish in our community. A Dedicated Group of Political representatives (Chief and Council) of the Beausoleil First Nation is required in order to insure that our Directors, Managers and Staff have the support and reorganization they require to move forward in their program areas, for the funding and project proposal creation assistance for membership and community wellbeing.

In closing I would once again like to thank my Nominators for the nominating me for both the Position of Chief and for Council. It is would be my honor to once again to serve my community and the entire membership in whatever capacity I am elected for, if elected for, Chief or Chief Councillor. Thanking you in advance for your trust and support.

On a final note, during the past few months our community and our membership have suffered with tremendous losses of Members and Member Families of our First Nation. We have all lost Mothers, Fathers Sons, Daughters, Sisters, Brothers, Aunts, Uncles, Cousins and Friends. Our Sympathies go out to all of our members who have suffered these losses and our prayers and thoughts are with you always.

Good Luck and Best Wishes to all of our candidates

The Elephant on all of our minds is COVID-19. There is no answer as to when this deadly disease will end by my prayers are with everyone to stay safe and healthy.

Questions:

- 1/ My priorities for myself as your elected official for the Beausoleil First Nation is to carry out my duties to the best of my abilities and work with the Councilor's, Directors, Managers, Staff and Contractors complete the projects that have been started and move forward with new ones.
- 2/ Anishinaabe law and Culture can be used in Council to assist with the decision-making process and can be integrated into the Chief and Council System if the proper knowledge is taught about it.

3/ When elected the Chief and Council are presented with a Governance Manual that they must learn and follow, such as staff

Policies and Procedures that address issues such as workplace conflict, and general Staff support. These issues can be resolved through mediation, communication and ongoing Director, Manager, Staff meetings with or without Administration Attendance.

4/. training in Finance (Budgets), Reporting, Human Resources, Public Speaking would be an asset to the new Electoral body and employees could benefit as well from such training.

5. Communications are the best transparency we can have. Our expenditures are online to the public and our membership and public community,

6. My vision is to have a strong healthy, prosperous membership that meets the needs of all of our people. The Health of our community members is most important.