



Lynn Monague—Sauvé For BFN Council

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My name is Lynn Monague-Sauvé.

Granddaughter of the late Audrey and Lawrence Copegog and proud daughter of the late Diane and David Forget.

I grew up on our beautiful land of Chimnissing but moved away for school when I was 18 and have resided off reserve since. Currently, I live in Barrie and have called Barrie home for the past 35 years.

I am married to my wonderful husband Leo and together we have 3 sons and 5 grandchildren and one on the way. I am also the proud Auntie of one girl whom I raised and consider my own. Family is everything, and to me Family means 'nobody' gets left behind or forgotten.

Although I am not fluent in Anishinaabemowin, I do understand, having grown up with it being spoken in the home by my grandparents, my mother and my aunties and uncles.

I pondered this decision to run for council at great lengths. I've never had the desire to put my feet into the political world of Chief and Council, even after much persuading from my nephew Hank. It is now, since his passing, that I decided it is time to stand and say yes in his memory.

So I would like to say thank you to my nominators Chett Monague and Richard Monague for having the confidence in me and believing that this is something I can do.

I do not have any lavish degrees to speak of, but I do have compassion and dedication, commitment and accountability to community and vast experience in governance.

For the last 30 years I have sat at the table of many Indigenous and Non-Indigenous Organizations throughout Simcoe County as a Board of Director. I am currently the sitting President of the Barrie Area Native Advisory Circle (BANAC) and, the current Chair of the Biminaawzogin Regional Aboriginal Women's Circle (BRAWC)

As a non-resident member, I make it home every chance I have, sometimes every weekend. Covid is making that difficult, and I am definitely missing home. My family spends a great deal of time in the summers camping in my sister's backyard.

I make it a point to attend all activities or meetings that are organized by BFN.

I may not live and experience the day to day of island life and experience the issues that community members face, but I absolutely understand and know how you feel, as I have family and friends that live it and that is what matters to me.

I will not say I have all the answers and I'm not going to make any outlandish promises, but I do hope to be a part of a plan of setting short- and long-term goals that benefit every BFN member and our beautiful home. I have always demonstrated credible and consistent leadership and I will ensure that each and every one is treated in a fair and just manner.

I will strive to maintain and support an effective administration, identify, and respond to the needs of the community, and will put the best interest of our membership first and foremost if given the opportunity to represent you.

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