



Hello Chimnissing  
( refined copy of original introduction)

My name is Natalie Smith-Mixemong

I have been nominated by Vicky Sandy-King and Jill Walser

I humbly accept this nomination and thank them both. I am the daughter of the late Bennett Smith and my mom Velma Smith who lives 2 doors down from us.

Earlier in the week I released a letter introducing my self to those who may not know me. For those that do, we all know how life was growing up as a kid and we felt the struggles here as did our parents and their parents. For that I am and will always be eternally grateful for their sacrifices they made to raise a family of six children.

My love for this community is big, I lived here all my life and I can see my children and grandchildren never leaving our beautiful Island unless it's for education/work.

I believe in a better community, whether it be improved infrastructure such as a better school for our children and possibly high school students. I myself am pretty happy about the soon to be paved roads.

We need to look at the dump issue and try to come up with ideas on what could happen there so it doesn't always become big mess every year. Perhaps part-time employees working shifts 7 days a week or opening only certain hours of the day, closed some days.

We definitely need to sort our garbage and make sure we are recycling and it actually does not end up in the dump. I want to hear ideas!

Health of our community is so important and we need to focus on everyone's individual needs for both on reserve and off reserve family. Including those facing addictions, dialysis patients, end of life (hospice place) and teaching our young about being healthy

Diabetes continues to be a real issue amongst our population and it shouldn't be that way. We need more activities! And make use of the facilities that we have. ( when covid is less of an issue )

I applaud all the BFN workers during covid and their efforts to try and keep our people safe. I am sure it wasn't easy and decisions made were most likely pretty tough to make. I am sure it was and continues to be a learning experience.

I am a strong believer in economic development and also support small businesses because they provide employment and training to our younger generation. I'm an entrepreneur myself, I'm always thinking of ideas to generate income and really get excited at other's ideas.

I like to think of myself honest and down to earth person with a sense of humour. I'm a great listener and genuinely care for your dreams and goals in life and also feel for the hardships you face.

I believe in fairness, I want relevant information when making decisions and don't rely on gossip.

My past experiences include being a part of the housing committee for 5 years, economic development for a couple yrs.

I completed a certificate in Entrepreneurship with Seneca

I am presently back with the BFN First Response after leaving for a few years

I worked for the Seniors as their bus driver the last few years, which i loved because I had the privilege of listening to their stories everyday.

( I am currently on leave as I decide what the future holds for me)

Should you decide to vote for me on May 22, 2021

I will try my hardest to keep you the members informed and will always remain approachable to listen to your concerns and ideas

I would like to say thank you to past Chief and Councils for their work with projects and making improvements in the community

Thanks for taking the time to read.

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