



PROFILE AND PHILOSOPHY

For members who don't know me, my name is Steve Kirdeikis and I have been living and teaching on Christian Island for the past two years. My family lineage and connection to Chimnissing goes through my mother, Margaret Kirdeikis (maiden name King) and my grandparents Dave King and Merceline King (maiden name Copegog).

I am running for Chief as I feel I have a unique combination of knowledge of Native history and culture as well as past business and managerial experience which included managing several different departments, staff and intricate financials from my Branch Manager position at United Rentals, a multimillion-dollar entity. My experience teaching our youth on Christian Island has also given me the appreciation and the importance of preserving our culture and language. I believe with my experience, positive attitude and approachability we can make Chimnissing a much better place for both on island residents and off island members.

Since moving here two years ago, I have seen the beauty, the challenges we face and most importantly the potential. I know with hard work, communication and team work, we can reach our potential together.

VOTE STEVE KIRDEIKIS

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EDUCATION AND RELATED WORK EXPERIENCE

Laurentian University – Bachelor of Arts Native Studies
Nipissing University – Bachelor of Education
Nipissing University – Certificate in Native Education

Former Native Cultural Curator at Huronia Museum (7 years)
Former Branch Manager at United Rentals (10 years)
Current grade 4/5 teacher at Christian Island Elementary School

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Creator of Chimnissing Live Music Playlist on Facebook

A music page for everyone that features live music performances by members of Chimnissing.

Alter Ego “Jack Damage” Pro Wrestler

Appeared for pictures and autographs for Community Living Huronia and Hospital for Sick Kids.
Wrestled for Rock Solid Wrestling raising funds for various charities such as The D.A.R.E. Leadership Camp, Timmins and Area Women in Crisis and Big Brothers.

WHY VOTE FOR ME

- ✓ Dedication to increased networking and communication for on and off island members regarding council activity and upcoming planning.
- ✓ More forums and surveys to get a better idea of what direction we should go. Your voice is important to be heard regarding the ongoing decisions we make.
- ✓ More educational and recreational activities for our youth. Extra support for both elementary and high school students to help properly prepare for post-secondary education in the form of educational tutoring hubs and youth groups.
- ✓ More park equipment and outdoor facilities to keep our community active and healthy in a fun environment.
- ✓ Modified weekend ferry schedule, some later evening runs on the weekend to allow more evening activities if we have enough interest.
- ✓ Increased cultural events for all ages to preserve our history.