



VICKI M. R. MONAGUE is an Ojibwe Anishinabe Kwe from Beausoleil First Nation who has lived both on and off-reserve and remains committed and dedicated to her community. Her spirit name is Mzhakdo Kwe and she is wolf clan. She previously served as the South East Region Water Commissioner for the Union of Ontario Indians from 2010-2012, the COO Nuclear Working group and has participated in bilateral water quality & quantity negotiations. She is most remembered in this area for her role at Site 41 which stopped the development of a Tiny Township landfill on a pristine aquifer, where she personally faced a lawsuit, injunction & criminal charges. In 2013, Vicki was a lead organizer of the Manido Gaaming Water Walk around Georgian Bay, over 817 Kilometres. Vicki has

received multiple awards for activism & academic achievement in Ojibwe language & culture revitalization. In 2010 she was named a Legend by the Elizabeth Fry Society of Simcoe County Legends and Legacies Gala. In 2018, she received the Rudy Mak and the Aylan Couchie Award for Academic Excellence at Georgian College.

For Beausoleil First Nation, Vicki has previously sat on the Housing Committee, the Pow Wow Committee, took a lead role in the Hope and Healing Strategy and youth development, in addition to holding various positions in the administration. When her proposals for language initiatives were rejected, she volunteered to keep the programs going in support of overall community revitalization efforts. She continues to teach Ojibwe today, both at Georgian College, Orillia Campus and in the community.

Currently, Vicki is attending Lakehead University, where she will be complete her Honours Bachelor of Arts in Political Science in July 2021 and is moving on to her Master of Education in Indigenous Education, Language and Culture Revitalization in September. She intends to complete a Doctor of Philosophy degree in Linguistics that will allow her to document, preserve and extend our community Ojibwe dialect.

At Lakehead University, Vicki was appointed to the Senate Committee for Teaching and Learning for a 2-year term, she is also on the Indigenous Initiatives Provost Task Force analyzing the Indigenous Curriculum Requirement, in addition to being a member of the Anti-Racism Committee for the Office of Human Rights and Equity. She was chosen to be an International Human Rights Defender for Honduras in 2019 and continues to work with Indigenous groups internationally for liberation from the oppression associated with colonialism. For the past two years, Vicki has been advocating for the changing of the Land Acknowledgement at Lakehead University to reflect our communities, as well as including Beausoleil First Nation in all future strategic planning. She believes that Georgian College and Lakehead University, operating on our traditional territory, should meet the needs of our communities first, before acknowledging our land. She has also been advocating for the development of Anishinabe and Anishinabemowin dialect specific programs at Lakehead University to meet the needs of our membership.

On the side, Vicki is working with Bass Lake Farms to reintroduce Anishinabe Mandaamin to the local area, along with other plants and medicines that are necessary to cultural revitalization. She is also a member of the Three Fires Midewiwin lodge, whom she credits with her recovery from suicidal ideation, complex post-traumatic stress disorder, addictions, and other health issues. Vicki's own healing and recovery journey has led her to believe that the capacity for healing can be transformative for our community. Vicki's priorities for the 2021-2023 term is food and energy sovereignty, community healing initiatives, culture and language revitalization and upholding the integrity of the Office of Council.

Vicki has been and always will be, dedicated to serving her community, even if she is not elected.