



Dear Beausoleil First Nation Membership,

First, I want to thank you for giving me another opportunity to represent our community as your Giimaa for the next four years. This role is so very vital to the community and something I do not take lightly. I am committed to lead with an open mind and an open heart and I will work with our community members on decisions that affect our collective concerns. I strongly believe in communication and consultation with our membership, and I will ensure that everyone is made aware of what is happening in the community, as it seems that for too long, we have been left in the dark when it comes to matters of importance, for example, our new ferry and the decision to adopt the First Nation Election Act.

In terms of infrastructure in our community, we have so many projects happening simultaneously, which is costing our nation millions of dollars, with a bulk of this contribution from our Own Source Revenue (OSR). I believe in holding ISC accountable for their fair share in the costs of these projects and I can promise you I will immediately get up to speed on the status on all projects and start negotiating with ISC

and any other funding agencies we can work with, so we can save our Nation's resources for the future benefit of our community.

The last five years, I have been working in the capacity of Executive Director for the Ogemawahj Tribal Council (OTC). During this time, I have worked closely with our staff, Engineers, Lawyers and other professionals and have a solid understanding of the importance of procurement and contract management. Having this knowledge is essential for leadership to make informed decisions and avoid contract disputes. OTC is currently in the process of holding a workshop on Procurement with a follow up workshop on Contract Management in the Fall, all in an effort to build capacity of our technical staff and leadership with so many infrastructure projects happening in our communities.

Another project that was completed through our Tribal Council organization, is the Water Plant Optimization and Condition Assessment Study. These reports were completed by SBA Engineering and is currently under review with the BFN Administration. This report, is an important tool the BFN Chief and Council can use to address the issues identified within the report and also use it to leverage and negotiate funding through a project approval request

(PAR) with ISC. It is very important that this is addressed immediately to ensure we continue to have safe, clean drinking water for our community.

I believe in building and strengthening relationships with our community, our staff and our partners to achieve common goals to build a strong, prosperous community. With the right direction, support and community involvement, we can do this together.

I welcome your questions and if you would like to have a conversation with me on Zoom, telephone or over a coffee, please feel free to email me at mary.e.king@hotmail.com. I look forward to speaking with you and I look forward to bringing some positive change to Beausoleil First Nation as we move into a 4 year political term of office.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mary McCue-King', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Mary McCue-King
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