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It is with great pleasure that I announce and accept my nomination for re-election for Councillor for the term 2023-2027.

I'd like to start off by saying Chi-Miigwetch to my nominators R. Owen Monague and Karen Sandy.

Over the last 2 years, I've held the position of Chief Councillor which has been a great honour. I've also had the pleasure of holding the Education Portfolio. This has been a very exciting journey especially being able to be involved in the decision making of our children and youth as (they are the future).

I have extensive knowledge and experience that allows me to serve our Community as a Council Member, this ranges from working with our Seniors, Administration, Housing, Social Services, Special Projects, Executive Assistant to Chief and Council as well as working with the Anishinabek Education System/Kinoomaadziwin Education Body.

My Education background includes Social Services (1 year), Office Administration, Indigenous Leadership and Management Development, Strategic Planning, Project Management, Indigenous Tourism Ontario, Canada Post to name a few, I also possess training certificates for many other areas that contributes to my qualifications.

Community Development and beautification is very important to me and we have lots of great projects in the works that I would like to see through. The new ferry (which is scheduled to be delivered November 2024), the completion of the hard surfacing of our roads, more housing, new education hub that would include all education departments under one roof (education administration, daycare, school, Mna Bmaadzijig, library, etc.), upgraded water treatment plant so we can expand beyond the community boundaries, land use planning, protecting the environment, consultation etc., new Administration Building, new Health Centre, new Public Works Building, Palliative care home, properly plotting out our cemeteries, beautification around all of our community buildings and homes, there is so much that needs to be done.

We must also focus on revenue generating projects which would include the development/construction of our own grocery store, gas station, car wash, marina, a small motel/hotel and a new ole community hall, development of the lands that were purchased on the mainland side, Tourism, etc.

In addition, we have to work on implementing community priorities into annual work plans that have been identified through the Comprehensive Community Plan. Strategic planning and budgeting is key.

As always, more supports and programming for our seniors and youth, mental health, equitable salaries for our employees as well as leadership, more training programs for all of our members no matter where you reside.

Community spirit has been very low over the last few years, especially during the pandemic and the loss of many loved ones. My heartfelt condolences and love are with you all. But Chimnissing, we are a very strong community and if we all stand together and support each other, we can do so much! Positivity is very important, let's build each other up.

In closing, I just wanted to say that I am a passionate person with a strong voice, determined, dependable, great advocate, trustworthy, good listener, people person and would like to continue being your voice at the decision-making table.

I'd appreciate your support on June 1st, 2023.

Good Luck to all the candidates in this year's election.

Quote by Margaret J. Wheatley *"There is no power for change greater than a Community discovering what it cares about"*