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PRIORITIES 2023-2027 – ENGAGEMENT

Continue to:

- Assist our teams in their Community Wellness and Social Projects
- Support Employee Knowledge, Gifts, Skills, and Abilities!
- Develop, Community Led Standardized Practices and Procedures for Public Safety and Security Issues.
- Invest in Mental Wellness and Community Justice. Include a Fair Procedural Process for Sensitive Community Safety Matters.
- Prioritize Prevention and Intervention Services
- Ensure Access to Resources is a balance between Process, Transparency, and Equality for Members, considering each life stage and generation
- Revitalize Cultural Knowledge and Implement within Administration and Community Planning

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It is with great honor that I accept this nomination and wish thank my nominators Kimberly Cousineau and Melodie Monague for this opportunity. Being raised by G'Chimnissing, I credit my many experiences and connect them to home, family, and community for shaping who I am today. I am the daughter of H. Neil and the late Peggy Ann Monague, with great pride I carry their teachings forward and always lead with the first principle of kindness. I am Anishinaabekwe from the Marten Clan and a mother of two. I hold strong values in setting a great example for my daughters and for those generations coming up behind me. With the encouragement and investment from my community, my responsibility will always be giving back to our home.

BACKGROUND

In 2010, I set out to pursue a career in the field of Social Work and began working within Beausoleil First Nation's Social Services Department as an Ontario Works Case Worker in 2012-2017. I moved into additional roles that mainly focused on Systems Navigation and Addressing Social Justice Issues for vulnerable populations, specifically our people.

2021-2023 COUNCIL TERM- SOCIAL PORTFOLIO SNAPSHOT

Through the study of Ge'ni'zhaaying, BFN's Comprehensive Community Plan (2018) we examined all existing programs within the community specifically identifying programs and services that serve children, youth, and families. From a community perspective, we know family includes all and no one is excluded from the term Family (regardless of the circumstance). Further to this scan, we included a process of reviewing current program structures and policies and threw away outdated systems that no longer fit the current realities of our membership. By observing program delivery through direct involvement and consultation with program workers, managers, and political leaders, we determined where we begin to write... **The complexities to social matters require extremely careful consideration, with appropriate responses for service users and those administering those programs.** The team has developed a new road map that considers the real and current experiences of our community but also honors the paths paved by the leaders before us. More to come from the next steps in Engagement :D

NEXT 4 YEARS

Alongside our members I STILL hold a vision for community where change begins with the voice of the collective, whose narratives are honored, respected, and integrated into daily practice. If re-elected as a member of your council, I aim to continue supporting your Vision and speaking for the desired outcomes you wish to be upheld. I look forward to sharing more on my 2023-2027 priorities and on June 1, 2023, I hope to have your support in our General Election!

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