

Bill McCue

For Council

Dear Community Members,

I want to take this opportunity to congratulate all the candidates in the upcoming election, and to thank my nominator and seconder for my nomination for Councillor. It has been an extreme honour for me to serve on Council. Through the years, I developed a network of contacts and the ability to open doors for our First Nation. I enjoy the responsibility of advocating for all members on and off reserve. My portfolios this term have been Lands, Economic Development, Environment, Finance and General Government. Some of the highlights that our council has accomplished this term related to my portfolios include

- Opposing the proposed Upper York Sewage plan to dump treated sewage into Lake Simcoe;
- Expanding the Island View Business Centre including the opening of GIFN's Daawegamig cannabis store;
- Helping create a supplementary monthly pension from the Trust monies to support our elders on and off reserve;
- Implementing property taxation to ensure that cottagers pay their fair share for the services they obtain from the First Nation; and
- Negotiating increased funding from Canada for lands management while we continue to exercise our jurisdiction under our Land Code.

While we have come a long way there is still more of a journey ahead of us. Like everyone in the world we are affected by the COVID virus. It has influenced our finances, mental health, and way of life. We need to find additional ways to support all of our membership. We must continue to ensure that our environment, lands, businesses and Trusts are properly managed so that future generations of First Nation members living on and off the reserve will benefit as well. We must continue to support all members of our First Nation in obtaining a better standard of living. While we are not going to let the government off their fiduciary duties, we now have the ability to control our own destiny. We must support education and training for our youth. We must look to our elders for their wisdom and guidance and support them as they age.

I believe in some small way I played a part in the progression of this First Nation. I have been blessed with the opportunity to work with dynamic people. If given the chance I will continue to work hard for my people. That is why I'm humbly asking for your support in the upcoming election. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me at William.mccue@georginaisland.com

Thank you for your consideration,
Bill