

Aaniin/Hello Georgina Island Band Members,

I am excited to accept my nomination to run for the position of Councillor in the upcoming 2021 election. I would like to formally introduce myself to those who may not be familiar with me and my role within the community. My name is Brittany Ellis I was born and raised here on Georgina Island, my family is from the community and my grandfather was Chief so we have a long history of being actively involved in the community. In the last few years I have built a home here on the island and became a parent. These changes serve to further solidify my connections and commitment to the community and to our members.

I have been actively involved in the community for almost a decade working at Niigaan Naabiwag Childcare Centre. While starting as a summer student I have worked my way up and have since been promoted to the position of daycare manager. The management position has helped me to develop essential skills that include writing funding proposals, balancing a budget, reporting at both the federal and provincial level, as well as developing and implementing policies and procedures in a professional setting.

I am running for this position because I care about our community and I want to ensure that everyone has access to more inclusive opportunities in education, housing, and employment. I'm so glad to see more youth continuing their educational journey and I want to ensure this continues as well as any member of any age who wants to learn. I would like to see jobs that bring new skills and education back into the community. This is how we continue creating a thriving and supportive community for both on and off reserve members. I believe we need to come together in unity to ensure that our youth remain connected and involved in the culture and language. They are the next generation and it will be up to them to carry our teachings into the future.

We have grown considerably these past few years, however it is time for us to decide as a community what we want to become, where we want to go, and how we want to get there. It is important to elect a person who can not only be your voice but also someone who will continue to act in the best interest of our community and it's bright future. I believe I am capable of meeting that challenge and look forward to the work ahead.

I would be honoured to act as both your voice and your representative in council and would be grateful for your consideration in the upcoming election.

Miigwech/Thank you for the opportunity to introduce myself and share my vision for our future with you.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns.

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