

February 10th, 2021

Dear Georgina Island Membership,

I'm seeking your support for re-election as your Chief of the Chippewas of Georgina Island First Nation. Having an open mind while dealing with day to day governance responsibilities has allowed me to understand issues from different perspectives. Your ideas and opinions are valued and help guide leadership in the decision-making process.



With your support I would like to continue with your guidance and input to the various projects and initiatives we have been working on, to improve and protect our rights. For instance, the opposition to the UYSS (Upper York Sewage System), the Fixed Link project, Mental Health and Wellness, education, increasing programs, services, and communication.

Council along with staff have made much progress in the success of this community. Many projects that benefit the community have been completed for all our members to enjoy. Over the past year's infrastructure, economic development, environmental protection, and cultural awareness were the focus of enhancing our First Nation. Treaties have been negotiated and settled with our Trusts benefitting the membership as a whole while looking into seven generations ahead.

We work with the Federal and Provincial governments to accomplish the required services they are obligated to provide as stated in our Treaties. It is an obligation the government promised to our ancestors and we need to uphold the governments to those commitments. We have become very successful with our own developments and ventures that have provided own source revenues to off set the programs we lack in funding. We certainly could be self sustaining, but we do also need to continue to hold the government accountable to the treaties our ancestors signed.

Can we improve? Yes! There is always need for improvement. We cannot move forward if we don't strive to always improve. We learn from our past in order to be successful in our future, remembering our traditions, respecting one another, and being proud of who we are and where we come from.

I would like to thank the First Nation for the support over the many years in my role as Chief, for allowing me to serve the community and to represent our First Nation has been my greatest honor. I love my community; I love our people and I love the Creator Lord. If elected I will continue to be a responsible and professional Chief by putting the best interests of the First Nation and our members at the forefront of any decisions.

I would be happy to discuss concerns or answer any questions you might have and can be reached at donna.bigcanoe@georginaisland.com

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