



Dylan Big Canoe

Running for council
in the 2021 election

Dear Fellow Member

I am writing to you to introduce myself and seek your support for my candidacy as a Council Member in the March 2021 election. I spent all my life growing up on Georgina Island and am proud to call myself a member of our great community.

I have always strived to be an active member in our community. I know the importance of inclusiveness and work hard to listen to the needs of all community members. I have participated in, volunteered for, and organized many community events and programs - and I look forward to the opportunity to continue doing so as a Council Member.

My educational and career experiences have given me the tools to develop plans, meet challenges, and create a unified community on and off Georgina Island. You can read more about my qualifications in this brochure. Below is a brief list of my priorities, which you can read more about on the next page.

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My Priorities

1. Inclusivity and Support

2. Housing and Assisted Living

3. Communication

My Platform

I will continue to develop our First Nation properly and safely by preserving our culture and promoting education. This will encourage our members to chase their goals and achieve success! My focus will be on these priorities:

Inclusivity and Support

Develop support programs geared toward on-and off-reserve members, such as recreation programs, mental health and addictions, invitational events, and employment opportunities.

Housing and Assisted Living

Increase the on- and off-reserve housing options offered to our members, including the development of a seniors-assisted living complex on reserve-owned land.

Communication

I have recently created a successful communication link in our community. I would like to take this a step further and create a digital app where members can access consistently updated news and events, ferry schedules, due dates, and more.

I have always done my best to represent who I am and where I come from. If elected, I will continue to be an honest team player in our community. With your guidance, I will make the choices that best serve our community's needs. I would be happy to answer any questions. You can reach me at:

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Education and Certifications




- **Bachelor of Education (B.Ed.)**
Brock University, 2017
- **Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) (Honours), History**
University of Guelph, 2015
- **Ontario College of Teachers (OCT) Certification #681830**

My degrees provided me with knowledge and skills that will help me if elected as a Council Member. I gained a strong foundation in history and developed skills on how best to connect with and educate youth. I also learned the value of communication and commitment.

I was able to reach my goals with the support of our community. I want to give back for that support by working hard to support every member of our community.

Professional Experience

- **Communications Coordinator**
Chippewas of Georgina Island First Nation, September 2020 – Present
- **Humanities Teacher**
Brune Park Community School, England
September 2018 – July 2020
- **Occasional Teacher**
York Region District School Board,
Aurora, September 2017 – Present
- **Student-Teacher Support Advisor**
Anishinabek Education System
September 2017 – June 2018



As a teacher, I understand the value of education and how important it is for all our membership. I supported many of our youth in my position with the York Region District School Board. I also taught internationally, in England and at an orphanage in Malawi, Africa. There, I witnessed how strong participation and communication helps communities move forward.

Over the years, I have taken on large-scale initiatives that benefitted our community as a whole. For example, I pushed for community fitness and wellbeing by organizing sports leagues, support programs, and carnival days for both youth and seniors. Our community is growing rapidly and my experience gives me the ability to communicate with a variety of business and education stakeholders to move big projects forward.

My core values and strong relationship to our community hold me accountable to every one of you. I will continue to display my commitment to our community if elected.

My Community Presence



Being available for all will be my priority. From the youth to the elders of this community, my door will be open. Active involvement in our community has always been important to me. My efforts to enrich our community have included:

- **Ball and ice hockey leagues**
- **Academic and fitness programs**
- **Holiday activities (Christmas concerts and Halloween trails)**
- **Community displays**
- **Charity events**
- **Summer camp activities**

