

Cheryl Olivia Nebenionquit

Nomination for Resident Trustee, Atikameksheng Trust

Aanii, Hello, My name is Cheryl Nebenionquit,

I am embracing the opportunity and have accepted the nomination for a Resident Trustee with the Atikameksheng Trust to be an active voice of the Beneficiaries to ensure safe handling, to protect and distribute dollars as set out in the Trust Settlement Agreement for the Citizens, and Communities needs.

Having the opportunity to move back into the community came with many memories and new life goals for myself. Being raised by my parents in a family with them each making their contributions to the community administratively, politically, and culturally I always felt that one day my time for my personal contributions would also come.

I have limited work experience with the Atikameksheng Trust as I worked under a short-term contract as the Atikameksheng Trust Administrative Assistant during a vacancy in 2018 and I believe that my past experience in working with Atikameksheng Anishnawbek for several years had prepared me to be a Resident Trustee with respecting others, and understanding the importance of listening, acknowledging and responding to all.

Having studied and graduated from Journalism – Print and continued to Communications, I had learned and still carry the skill to ask questions and report back with clear communications; this skill as well as other skills learned from my education has allowed me to have fulfilling employment to date.

Growing as an individual and learning more about my Anishnawbe Culture, Language, Community and its' rich heritage and history is also a driver for me to actively participate in not only grassroots events, but also our Atikameksheng Community and local events.

Learning to walk in both my upbringing of 'Western ways' and embracing, learning and starting to practice my Anishnawbe way of life has moved my heart and Spirit to contribute myself to our community and being a voice of the beneficiaries with the Atikameksheng Trust to ensure that our community and peoples' needs are heard and are being met with in the Trust Agreement.

I am looking forward to our community moving forward together.

Kind Regards, Cheryl Olivia Nebenionquit