

## Darlene Naponse Bio

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My name is Darlene Naponse. I was born and raised in Atikameksheng Anishnawbek. I am independent business owner and filmmaker/writer for over 20 years.

I have chosen to work and live in Atikameksheng Anishnawbek. My work as a filmmaker tells stories of our people and the truth from an Indigenous worldview/perspective.

I consider myself business oriented. I have networking connections in community, surrounding, Ontario, Canada and the World.

In the past I have used my management and consultation skills to help create and distribute the ICF (Indigenous Culture Fund) at the OAC (Ontario Arts Council) a multi million dollar fund.

I have many years of experience sitting on boards and community groups. In the past I sat on the Community Development group, Proponent Working Group and currently sit on the Board for the imagineNATIVE Film Festival.

I spent 10 years working with the Constitution community group and as Chairperson helped consult and write and worked with the community to research and develop a Constitution. Protecting First Nations land and human rights and freedoms. Engaging community. The Atikameksheng Anishnawbek Gchi-Naaknigewin (Constitution) was ratified by community on July 2015.

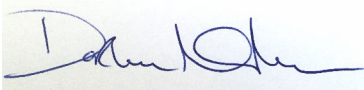
I spent four (4) years as Band Councillor at July 2010 – July 2014. As Band Councillor, I worked in Governance, Community Development and Education Portfolio

These experiences have given me working knowledge and experience First Nations governance and social structures. Understanding First Nation Protocols and Way of Life has been a vital part of my work and day-to-day existence.

My education, work experience and values show my dedication and commitment to our people, our stories and building positivity. Being open and present is the core and I continue to work on these skills.

Family and community is essential part of my life and will continue to appreciate and work towards a collective future.

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