

Aanii! Kelly Nootchtai ndizhnikaz. Hello! My name is Kelly Nootchtai. I am running for the non-resident trustee position for the Atikameksheng Trust. I have a passion for education, which has led me into my career of being a teacher. My parents, Terry and Jennifer Nootchtai, raised my two siblings and I within our beautiful community. I have a daughter named Lucy, who is 3 years old. Lucy and I live in Massey, but you can usually find us at my parents home in Atikameksheng. In my spare time I enjoy running, hunting, spending time on the lake and operating my online business.



I am a graduate of Laurentian University with a Bachelor (Honours) degree in Indigenous Studies. Following the completion of my degree, I went on to attend and graduate from Nipissing University with a Bachelor of Education. I am always seeking opportunities for professional development to enhance my skills and knowledge. A goal I have set for myself is to complete a Master's of Professional Education.

I have been fortunate to work for my family here in Atikameksheng at a couple of our local businesses. I have worked part-time for many years as a store clerk and currently assist with some online communication tasks. This fall, I will be entering my sixth year of teaching full time at Biidaaban Kinoomaagegamik in Sagamok Anishnawbek. Through my work experience of teaching in a First Nation community, I have been able to learn more Anishinaabemowin and have gained additional knowledge about our culture.

I take pride in our community and I am an active community member. I have sat on various committees for our community. I enjoy attending events with my daughter and family, some of our favourites are the Children's Christmas Party and the Winter Carnival.

With my education, work experience and on-going community involvement, I believe this provides a unique perspective that would make me a great candidate for the position of non-resident trustee.

Gchi-miigwetch for your support!