



# PEYTON PITAWANAKWAT

## Re-Elect for Council

Aanii, Boozhoo! Peyton "Ominika" Pitawanakwat ndizhinikaaz, Misswezahging ndoonjibaa, Nimkii Bineshii dodem, Michi-Saagiig/Ojibwe/Odawa/Potawatomi (Aanishinaabe) kwe.

Nbazgim Dillon Ominika. Ndaanis Biboonanang Ominika. Ngashii Kelly Daybutch. Noos Wayne Pitawanakwat. Nookomisag Linda Daybutch (Margaret Chiblow) (Eva Daybutch), Rose Peltier (Angeline Pitawanakwat, Flora Pangowish). Nimishomisag Clifford Peltier, John Shawanibin, Roger Daybutch (Steven Daybutch) (John Pitawanakwat, Joseph Pangowish).

### HIGHLIGHTS FROM THIS TERM

September 2023 - Elected as the first woman to serve as Chairperson of Mamaweswen, the North Shore aTribal Council

October 2021 to September 2023 - Elected as the youngest woman to serve as Vice Chair of Mamaweswen, the North Shore Tribal Council

May 2023 - Appointed to the Hydro One/Nshwaaswi (8 Nation Co.) Working Group

July 2022 & July 2023 - Attended Assembly of First Nations Annual General Assembly as "Chief Proxy"

April 2022 - Attended meeting with the Jesuits of Canada to discuss reclamation of historical records to support The Nisoonag (Three Canoes) Partnership.

May 2022 - Attended the Huron Superior Catholic District School Board meeting to address racism and discrimination.

January 2022 - Participated as Guest Speaker at Reverse the Trend & Nuclear Age Peace Foundation's event titled "Empowering First Nations and Indigenous Communities: Overcoming the Ecological and Humanitarian Threats of the Nuclear Fuel Trajectory and Nuclear Weapons"

November 2021 - Participated in the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission Licence Hearing as Intervenor on behalf of Mississauga First Nation

December 2021 - November 2023 - Attended 68 regular scheduled Chief & Council Meetings with only 2 regrets in 3 year term

### COMMITTEES

- Health and Social Services
- Chi-Naakinagewin
- Cultural (Pow-Wow)
- Hydro One/8 Nations Co - Working Group
- Council Ad Hoc Committee on a Community Substance Dependency Treatment Program
- MFN Internal Nuclear Working Group
- Council Ad Hoc Committee on the Recruitment, Employment and Retention of MFN Band Members

### ABOUT ME

Mississauga First Nation has been an integral part of my life, and I feel deeply grateful for the nurturing care of my mother, my family and the community during my upbringing here. Pursuing a Westernized education at Canadore College & Nipissing University took me away in 2011. Still, my passion for environmental protection and advocacy brought me back to my roots, where I began work as an Environmental Lands Technician in the Lands and Resources Department in 2016. Since my return, I have been actively developing and implementing various environmental initiatives, driven by the desire to contribute positively and assert our inherent rights as First Nation people. This period of the last three years has been a remarkable journey for me, professionally and personally. The birth of my husband and I's first daughter in October 2022 instilled a sense of immense joy and inspired us to embrace life with renewed vigour. We're continually striving towards reclaiming our language, culture, and traditions to break cycles so that we can raise our daughter to be proud of her identity as an Aanishinaabe kwe and her strong roots in MFN & Wikwemikong. Despite facing numerous obstacles in my 30 years of life, I have always held onto hope. I believe in navigating life with humility, empathy, and understanding of how our strengths & challenges are all interconnected. My journey has shown me the power of embracing your passions and giving back to those who have shaped you. It is an absolute honor to serve and represent our community, and I am grateful for your support and trust. Together, we can ensure that our voices and needs are heard, and strive towards a brighter future for our nation.

### FUTURE VISION

- ENVIRONMENT - In 2021, I led the development of an intervention during the nuclear licensing process hearing held by the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission. This was a significant milestone as it was the first time MFN acted as an intervenor. We must continue to work towards addressing the 27 recommendations made during the hearing, which aim to resolve environmental, health, safety, and cultural recognition concerns.
- EQUITY - It is crucial to continue advocating for systematic changes that promote equality in various areas such as education, healthcare, child welfare, mental health, addiction services, and public safety. As a sovereign nation, we have the right to assert ourselves and establish/enhance our existing systems within that promote our cultural values, including the teachings of the Seven Grandfathers. These traditional values can serve as tools to empower our communities and promote a better future for all.
- UNITY - It is essential to recognize that we, as a nation, are a diverse group of citizens coming from different regions of Turtle Island, each with a unique set of backgrounds and experiences. Sharing our voices can expand our perspectives and provide us with new insights. Although we may be physically separated, our community must stay united, and it is crucial to strengthen inclusivity to honor that connection.
- STRATEGIC PLANNING - In order to move forward, we need to build upon the progress we have already made and reaffirm our community's direction through strategic planning. By updating our strategic plan, we will be able to better assess our needs and establish goals to guide our leadership. This process should include discussions about the impact of the Robinson-Huron Treaty litigation. We are now embarking on a new era of change, and we must view it as an opportunity to transform ourselves in a way that honors our Ancestors and benefits the Seven Generations to come.

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VOTE TO RE-ELECT ON DECEMBER 06, 2023