

Position Paper of Andrea Michano
2017 Candidate for Council
Biigtigong Nishnaabeg

Boozhoo,

I am excited about the opportunity to represent you and be your voice at the Council table for 2017-2019 term. I extend my sincere appreciation and a “Chi-Miigwetch” for the nomination and for the support I have received so far.

RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

- 12 years experience as a Dilico Board of Director; 4 terms as Secretary-Treasurer, 8 terms on the services committee, 4 terms on the finance committee, 1 term as Vice-president/Acting President.
- Active in the development of the Dilico Children's Foundation
- 13 years experience as the Executive Director at the Biidaaban Healing Lodge
- 7 years experience in front line social, case management and middle management.
- 3 year Child & Youth Work diploma.
- Certificates from the Canadian Management Centre in Employment Law, Project Management, Executive Leadership, Strategic Planning,

SKILLS & STRENGTHS

- I have strong leadership skills and have demonstrated these throughout my career.
- I possess excellent management abilities and feel this had equipped me to oversee and handle any portfolio that is assigned to me.
- I have acquired extensive knowledge in the development of policy and procedures, corporate bylaws, governance models and structures... as First Nations move toward Self Governance it is

critical to document processes that dictate how we will handle and conduct our business.

- I am an out of the box thinker. I am able to contribute to the creation of new initiatives, bring forth new ideas and breathe new life into issues that have been stagnant.
- I have always conducted myself and any business I have been involved in professionally, and operate from a place of dignity and respect. These are crucial qualities to have when representing a community in a political capacity.

Some of the areas I am committed to working towards are:

FIRST NATION GOVERNANCE: I am a strong advocate for governance in First Nation communities. We have the power, the knowledge and ultimately the right to develop and implement our own laws. These laws should determine how we as native people run our businesses and look after our people.

There was a committee put together at one point to work on Governance, I would like to see this active and productive again. Irregardless being successful or not in my political endeavor, I remain interested and will offer my services to this venture.

ACCOUNTABILITY & TRANSPARENCY: As a First Nation we need to be 100% accountable to our membership. This includes sharing relevant and appropriate information consistently. I will support the development of policies and procedures that allow for the distribution of transparent updates to our people irrespective of where they reside.

INCLUSION: This goes hand in hand with accountability and transparency. There has to be guidelines that allow for the inclusion of ALL membership in the decision making process, this includes both on and off reserve members. You cast a vote, and that gives you the right for your voice to be heard.

YOUTH LEADERSHIP: I hope to put some of my time and effort into creating programs that prepare our youth for future leadership roles. Youth need to be educated in current issues affecting our people, the history of our community and the Aboriginal population in general and skills that will make them successful leaders in society.

I seek your "X" on September 28! I am a suitable candidate for the position of Councillor and the only promises I make to you is do my best, ensure I make informed decisions and that I am a strong voice at your table.

Meway and Miigwetch
Andrea/Angie Michano