

**Elect
Christopher Maracle
for Council**



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I am a self-employed Housing Professional who provides support to First Nations, various Government Departments, Habitat for Humanity and the Canadian Real Estate Association to name a few. I have been a guest lecturer Queen's University, travelled from Alaska to Australia providing motivational key note addresses and workshops in support of increased community socio-economic outcomes.

During my 20-year tenure with the MBQ housing program, we were honoured with 17 National and Provincial housing Awards including Canada's Energy Efficiency Award, and Canada's Affordable Housing Award. Time Magazine and Natural Resources Canada selected me as the recipient of Canada's first ever Energy Efficiency Leadership Award.

Our Housing Program was widely recognized as the best in Canada with approximately \$90 million dollars in residential wealth and equity shared by our members. Our housing program is a major contributor to jobs and local businesses.

I must mention, with great respect, Doug Maracle. Doug spent his entire political career advocating and support of the Mohawk people, for education, in particular. These sacrifices and commitment have not gone unnoticed, and I thank him. I will stand up and fight to ensure his legacy in support of Post-Secondary and hiring our own qualified people will continue.

My vision for our Territory is all about sustainability. We are strong people who have overcome challenges for hundreds of years. In the next several hundred years we need to take measures to become a more sustainable community. This idea of sustainability will drive my decision making and influence on Council.

Sustainable Priorities

1. Sustainable Community Infrastructure

- Projects that highlight local, green and renewable energy
- Promotion of an enhanced public transit system
- Production of local foods and community gardens
- Bicycle lanes on local roads
- Children's splash pad

2. Sustainable Community Development

- Increased local employment and training opportunities. Band spending should always have local employment and training as a focal point
- Sustainable housing program with a focus on minimizing wait lists, home ownership and ability to pay
- New Fire Hall to meet increasing demands on public safety
- Our Elders must be comfortable, well cared for, and surrounded by our support

3. Sustainable Nationhood

- Resolution of the Culbertson Land Claim
- Sustainable Fiduciary Funding – and recognition of the Nation to Nation relationship
- Increased non-Government non tax revenues
- Promotion of access and support of Post Secondary programs

If elected, I will request Chief and Council facilitate community wide strategic planning to respect and incorporate your ideas for sustainable development and community priorities. This consultation would consist of engaging our youth at Q.M.S. open sessions at the community centre, mail in surveys and social media.

Tyendinaga means, "Many sticks bound together for strength." Together we can achieve great things.

If you believe our children, grandchildren and future generations deserve a sustainable community with opportunity to work, prosper and succeed then I ask for your vote. I ask for an opportunity to work with you to create a truly vibrant and even greater community. We owe it to those who have come and gone before us to create prosperity for those that come after us. We have only ever succeeded when we recognize 7 generation thinking.

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