

# Re-elect CHIEF R. DONALD MARACLE



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Many thanks to my nominators, Frances Loney, Lynda Loft, Joy Brant, and Krystal Maracle.. I thank my staff for their dedication, hard work, and support over the past two and half decades especially during the pandemic. Much of our time this term was focused on the pandemic, leadership Zoom calls for additional resources for our members and vaccine..

I have served on council for 28 years as Chief and 12 years as Councillor. During that time, I have been a strong advocate for increased funding and we have realised much progress in the expansion of our land base, reconstruction of our roads, installation of water and sewer systems, water lines, natural gas lines, construction of new buildings for police, health, administration, community wellness, medical centre, housing subdivisions development of recreation space, opportunities in post-secondary education for our youth, preservation of our heritage sites, revenue generation, and in the implementation of many new programs and services that have provided jobs, social support, and prosperity for our people. I have also served on many local and regional boards dedicated to social development, including the AFN Chiefs Committee on Housing and Infrastructure and Housing, Chair of the Ontario Chiefs Committee on Housing and Infrastructure, Co-chair of the Ontario Chiefs Committee on Long Term Care, as the Chair of the Christ Church Restoration Committee, FNTI Board of Directors, Kanyengeh Festival Board, Ontario Chiefs Committee on Energy, and Co-chair of the Indigenous Interprofessional Primary Care Governance Circle.

I am happy to report on some of the accomplishments and projects that I have lobbied for in the past and during this term with much appreciation to our government funding partners, engineers and MBQ staff.

## Water Lines & Roads \$96.5 million

- \$5.5 Million for Bayshore Road, Church Lane, and Hwy 2 water and sewer infrastructure – 301 connections completed
- \$24.1 Million for Phase MBQ water treatment plant and waterline – Water Tower & 43 connections completed
- \$857,000 for the Deseronto Water Optimization Project for 600 units of more capacity – completed
- \$2.4 Million for Deseronto Sewage Treatment Plant capacity expanded- completed
- MBQ a priority on ISC's End Boil Water Advisories list
- \$14.5 Million for water line from Meadow Drive to Shannonville- 128 connections completed
- \$15.8 million Phase III waterline along Hwy 2 in Shannonville, Airport Road, Sero's Road, and Johnsons Lane – 120 connections completed
- \$1 million for Natural Gas Lines Bayshore, York & Meadow Drive-completed
- \$845,000 community centre waterline -completed
- Defended maintaining PST exemption at POS
- \$30 Million approved for waterlines from Infrastructure Canada (DMAF). MBQ was one of 2 FN in Canada approved for waterline projects as part of climate change impact - 286 connections – anticipated construction 2022
- York Road repaving from Norway's to Shannonville (\$3.7 million from Infrastructure Canada, \$916,000 from Ontario and \$333,000 from MBQ) – completed.
- \$1.7 million to date generated from Wind & Solar projects to assist with Firehall construction project
- Culbertson Partial Settlement Agreement on 300 acre parcel and loss of use compensation
- Turton Penn Hwy 2 Settlement Agreement \$1.2 million
- Housing 185 units including Elders Lodge -completed
- \$8 million for natural gas lines on York Road to Shannonville, parts of Ridge Road, Slash, & Homeland Drive – construction in 2022
- 250K & \$274K from ISC for 3 additional housing units
- **Bridge Rehabilitation Community Impact Benefit Agreement with MTO**
- \$1.8 Million Hangar upgrades-completed
- \$300,000 lease agreement with MTO-completed
- \$1.2 Million for Airport Road reconstruction
- \$128 000 for demolition former band office-completed
- \$500 000 employment program over five years
- \$400 000 for MBQ administration

## \$1.25 Million from Indigenous Services Canada for MBQ Housing

Including \$148,000 for a generator for the Elder's Lodge, a new fourplex, 19 new steel roofs on MBQ housing rentals, new cabinetry, new hot water tanks, natural gas hookups, plumbing and electrical upgrades, and repairs in general – completed

- \$500,000 ISC to renovate three housing units to address homelessness – in progress
- \$996,250. CMHC Section 95 Housing Loan for 4 units being constructed on Ridge Road
- \$807,764 Turton Penn Land Soil Remediation
- Partnered with Ernestown wind project and Blue Earth solar project in Loyalist, resulting in an ongoing revenue stream that has already generated \$1.7 million for MBQ
- Member of the Ontario Chiefs Committee on Energy and Hydro Rates successfully lobbied for elimination of delivery charge for on-reserve accounts
- New medical building and funding for a doctor
- \$750 000 Via Rail CN goodwill agreement for Airport Road project, post-secondary funding and the library
- \$1.4 Million for restoration of church ramp, steps and driveway of Royal Chapel to ensure accessibility
- Lobbied to get 110 additional police in First Nations communities, including one more in Tyendinaga

### **\$48 Million MBQ Long Term Care Facility**

MBQ is eligible for a to construct a 128 bed long term care facility with construction starting in 2022-23. Funding partners are:

- \$25.1 million MLTC construction subsidy and \$6.9 million annual operating subsidy
- \$3.7 million MLTC one time development grant \$250K from ISC \$250K from CMHC grant funds for preconstruction development work
- \$12 million CMHC contribution plus low interest loan
- \$5 million ISC contribution
- \$182,829 for one time staff orientation
- \$770,422 from Ontario Skills Development for PSW Training- in progress
- \$25 million infrastructure grant – approval pending

### **Lake Ontario Water Levels and the International Joint Commission**

Water levels in Lake Ontario have been deemed high by the International Joint Commission, seeing levels that have caused floods caused by climate change. Updated shoreline mapping is being done and mitigation measures must be studied to reduce flood risks. MBQ must have regular contact with the IJC St Lawrence River Management Board.

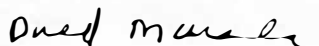
### **Poverty Reduction Strategy and Affordable Housing**

MBQ requires more affordable housing units to address the need. Inflation has increased the cost of living and a strong lobby must occur to address growing poverty among low-income families.

For dedicated, knowledgeable, results oriented leadership, I ask for your continued support for Chief.

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### **MBQ Service Centre along HWY 401**

I will assess the viability of developing an MBQ service centre on Highway 401 which could provide additional revenue for MBQ and employment for members.

#### **Future Goals**

- Actively pursue settlements for more of our land claims
- Promotion and revitalization of Mohawk Language
- Pursue funding for a court system, bylaw enforcement officers, and work with MNP Consultants currently undertaking a careful needs and financial risk assessment for our police services
- Continue lobbying ISC allocation for funding for housing, affordable housing, waterlines and post secondary funding to meet critical First Nations needs
- Continue negotiation of goodwill agreements
- Pursue economic development that generates additional revenue for MBQ and employment creation for our people
- Explore possibility of expanding our agricultural operations, including apple orchards and other agricultural initiatives
- MBQ Community Bingo Hall
- Poverty Reduction Measures
- Governance development for laws regarding residency, business and development, traffic
- Continue lobbying funds for MBQ administration to ensure comparable wages and benefits to staff
- Construction of a homeless shelter
- Engage in Bill C-15 discussions regarding implementation of UNDRIP, new polling regulations, child welfare reform, residential school and Sixties Scoop settlement issues