

# Josh Hill For Council

My name is Josh Hill and I have accepted the nomination for Councillor in the upcoming election. I have served the community in this role over the previous two terms, holding the responsibility of the Education, Language and Culture Portfolio's in each term. My parents were Peter Hill and Gail Runnings and I am the older brother to Rebecca and most recently an Uncle to Brynn.



As the current Council term concludes, I would like to commend our community for our perseverance and genuine care for one another in what has been and continues to be a challenging time in our recent history. I also want to express my appreciation to our various health teams for helping our people navigate through the COVID-19 Pandemic and applaud the fact that our community were able to protect ourselves from this virus in as timely and effective of a manner as we have.

Despite the difficulties encountered, I am proud of the accomplishments that were realized over the past term, such as the ratification of the Culbertson Tract Partial Settlement; the creation of the Employment and Training Facility; the construction of the Mohawk Fire Hall; the restorations of York and Beach Road; and both the immediate and long-term commitments to Language revitalization for our people.

These previous and future achievements are made possible when community, administration and TMC work collaboratively to identify priorities and creative solutions in addressing them. With this understanding I believe it is crucial that for voices to be heard, there need to be more opportunities to engage each other. Therefore, I am proposing the creation of the following groups:

- **Parks and Recreation Committee** – To develop and implement the TMT Parks Reactivation Strategy, to improve upon and introduce new aspects into our parks such as Disc Golf, Field Lacrosse, Beach Volleyball, and a Splash Pad
- **The MBQ Alumni Foundation** – A network of prospective and previous graduates to create opportunities for connections by hosting events as well as showcasing Alumni who are current or future leaders in their industries
- **Harvesting Working Group** – To share knowledge and discuss matters involving hunting and fishing rights, and to facilitate the construction and operation of a fish hatchery to be located along the Salmon River
- **Sports Complex Task Force** – To develop a strategic plan for fundraising and the construction of a facility capable of housing hockey, lacrosse, and basketball, as well the Tyendingaga Fitness Resource Centre
- **Economic Development Commission** – To oversee existing and future business ventures that will serve to generate revenues and provide opportunities for MBQ and our members

In addition to these groups, there needs to be a dedicated political push to also create new spaces and initiatives for our people. I am committed to working with the necessary people in order to:

- Construct a new Eksa'okon:'a Child Care Centre capable of housing a new infant program to support growing families
- As a member of the Building Committee, continue to work towards breaking ground on the Language and Cultural Centre to be located at the former Shannonville Fairgrounds
- Continue the expansion of the MBQ employment and training landscape by creating new career paths through a wide range of certification, accreditation and learning opportunities in areas such as welding, carpentry, and fire protection
- Support the Kenhte'kéha Advisory Committee in the drafting and passing of the Kenhté:ke Language Act
- Determine and implement the Policing model that will best serve and meet the needs of the community regarding Health and Safety with the utilization of the MNP capacity needs assessment and options analysis
- Decide next steps forward in resolving the remainder of the Culbertson Tract, with the possibility of MBQ Member and undeveloped land located within the tract the next to be restored

In closing, I am grateful for the opportunity to serve the community over the past two terms, and while they have been challenging at times, I am proud of what we as a collective have been able to accomplish. If you believe that I can move these initiatives that I have mentioned forward, then I am willing to take up the challenge as a member of council to make progress on each of them. I thank you for your continued support, and for the consideration in the upcoming election.

**Vote December 4<sup>th</sup> at Quinte Mohawk School**