

On December 2nd VOTE

CHASE “OGWARI” BRANT

for Council

Honest, Hardworking and Transparent Community Representation



ABOUT ME:

For those of you who do not know me, my name is Ogwari (Chase) Brant. I was raised on the Tyendinaga Mohawk Territory, as the youngest of 4 children born to Harold (Hairbear) and Darla Brant. As a father to 4 children, a husband, brother, uncle and son, I value family and community. I am known for my kind personality and support throughout the community. I have always felt it was important to give back to my community and have made it a priority over the years through donating, volunteering, coordinating food drive & gift donations, converting the lacrosse box into a safe outdoor skating rink and working as volunteer lacrosse coach.

I believe that we all have a role to play in protecting our community and this is why I served as a volunteer firefighter with the Mohawk Fire Department for 6 years. My wife and I currently own and operate Eastern Door Thrift Store here on the territory. The plan of this business is to give 25% of gross income back to different organizations in the community. My most recent employment was with Original Traders Energy. I enjoyed my employment at OTE because they continually gave back to the communities they operated in, even here in Tyendinaga, with a donation of \$1,000,000 to the Fire Department. I previously operated Mohawk Vehicle Protection with my family for 2.5 years. I pride myself on being an honest and hard-working man.

Growing up on the Territory has provided me with an understanding of the history of Tyendinaga and the importance of Sovereignty. Being a young father, I understand the importance sustaining our language and culture for the next generations to come as well as the importance of being self sustainable as a community.

I am running for council as I believe our younger generations need a stronger representation on council and I would be honored to be that voice. My approach incorporates an ability to listen, a willingness to work with all community members, a belief in transparency and accountability. As my father always told me you cannot have strength without unity.

If elected these are items I will work towards:

- TRANSPARENCY
- SELF GOVERNANCE
- NO SECRETS
- YOUTH ENGAGEMENT
- BETTER HEALTH COVERAGE
- BETTER CARE FOR OUR ELDERS

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TRANSPARENCY:

Informing and consultation with the community members will be my focus. Community consultation should be a top priority for council when dealing with our community's funds, lands, investments, economic development and the rights of our future generations. Financial transparency is another top priority of mine. I will ensure that the community is better informed of the financial dealing and a honest effort is made to make community members aware of all council and audit meetings as well as community engagement/consultation meeting. **I will strive for a well-informed community driven Council.**

SELF GOVERNANCE:

We as Mohawk People are a sovereign people. We need to be on a nation-to-nation basis with the federal government. We need to distance ourselves from Ontario and Canada as a whole. With self governance we would have a stand-alone police force that is accountable to our people. We would issue our own licensing for vehicles and drivers. We could change the election process and step away from the INAC system. Being Self Governed we would prosper as a community and a nation. We need to lean towards a more traditional government model.

NO SECRETS:

How did the council purchase a golf course off the reserve before anyone in the community knowing? How did we partner with other first nations on a housing complex in Belleville before anyone knew? The former councils hid these items from the community until everything was final. This is unacceptable. I believe that if the community resources are being used the community needs to know and have a say. Yes, this will slow the process on projects, but at least there will be no secrets.

YOUTH ENGAGEMENT:

Youth in our community are bored! They need something to do and places they can go! I want to create more youth programs, including the creation of a Youth Drop-in Centre. A safe, drug free place that Youth want to go and relax with free access to Internet, TV, gaming stations, pool tables, music and canteen. The Center will provide valuable youth resources such as Traditional teachings, job search, career planning, mental health awareness/support and life skills workshops. The Centres goal will be to engage our Youth; keeping them on a good path, teaching our traditional ways, valuable life skills and providing information to accessible resources. Why do our children have to leave the community to play sports? We need to create programs here for our future generations.

BETTER HEALTH COVERAGE

The coverage through INAC is a joke. The program is very limited in resources our people need. We need to lobby Canada to step up and actually care for our people. Being denied proper medications or procedures because of health coverages. Luckily for me, all of my former places of employment had health coverage, or I would have been out 10s of 1000s of dollars for one of my children.

BETTER CARE FOR OUR ELDERS

Its great that former council lobbied the federal and provincial governments for money for a \$70 million long term care facility. The problem is, there will only be a limited number of beds set a side for our elders from this community. I believe the majority of beds should be designated for our people. What happened to the elders lodge? I have heard all kinds of complainants from residents there. Poor maintenance is just one of the main ones.

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