

Re-elect Kurtis “Chip” Brant

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My name is Kurtis Brant (Chip). I was born and raised here on the Tyendinaga Mohawk Territory, where I’ve had the privilege of raising my own family. I am a husband, father to four children, and grandfather to two grandchildren. My parents are the late Bill and Norma Brant, and my grandparents are the late Cameron and Helen Brant, and Percy and Eileen Green.

I proudly served with the Mohawk Fire Department for 30 years.

As a lifelong resident, I believe deeply in our community’s strength, resilience, and potential. I want to continue contributing to our growth and success through collaboration, transparency, and forward-thinking leadership.

Community Priorities

1. Water Access

I want to secure additional funding to complete our water system so that every home in Tyendinaga has reliable access to clean water.

2. Infrastructure and Economic Development

Let’s build our own sources of income by developing a cultural museum, a community grocery store, and a revenue plan for the golf course. These projects will create jobs, strengthen our local economy, and encourage our members to shop and invest locally.

3. Revenue and Sustainability

It’s time to explore new, community-driven revenue opportunities that empower our Nation to fund important projects on our own terms — especially those that benefit all members and promote long-term growth and self-sufficiency.

4. Housing Development

We need to create more safe, affordable housing to meet the growing needs of our members and families.

5. Youth Inclusion and Recreation

We need more community facilities — such as a gymnasium with an indoor walking track — to encourage healthy living for both our youth and Elders.

Our young people deserve spaces, programs, and activities that make them feel supported, included, and proud to belong to Tyendinaga.

6. Elder Support

We must continue to find ways to help our Elders remain in their homes and within our community, with the care, comfort, and dignity they deserve.

7. Education and Support Services

We must advocate for full implementation of Jordan’s Principle, ensuring children receive the therapies, tutoring, dental care, and educational supports they need to thrive.

8. Community Engagement

We need more open, inclusive community meetings focused on collaboration and progress — not personal gain — so decisions reflect the voice of the people.

9. Language and Culture

Our language is who we are. We must continue to support Mohawk language programs and ensure our education funding reflects the real needs of our community.

By teaching Mohawk language and culture in local schools — including Tyendinaga, Reid,

Holy Name of Mary, and Deseronto — we help our children grow up proud of who they are, connected to their roots, and confident in their identity.

Community Involvement and Achievements

Over the years, I've been honoured to serve our community through various initiatives, including:

- Serving on the Recreation Committee, which helped develop the community splash pad
- Working to expand water access to more homes
- Supporting the opening of new roads to improve access and infrastructure
- Helping to recover \$4 million in funds for the construction of the Fire Hall
- Attending Caucus meetings to uphold our rights and treaties regarding land, water, and border crossings — guided by traditional values
- Meeting monthly with Indigenous Services Canada (ISC) to negotiate funding for community programs and services
- Holding the Infrastructure Portfolio for MBQ and serving on the Water Advisory Board, working collaboratively with the Town of Deseronto on shared water initiatives

Looking Ahead

Community Development and Transparency

Our community is strong and full of opportunity. By securing additional funding and being transparent every step of the way, we can strengthen supports for Elders, youth, children, and families. Every member deserves to be heard — and I commit to ongoing consultation, accountability, and honest communication.

I want a safe and healthy community and would like to see the council come together as a collective to make this happen. Our bylaws are gradually taking shape, but they still need the voices, ideas, and input of the community to ensure they truly reflect who we are and what we value.

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