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Membertou Election

2020 Edition



Membertou
WELCOMING THE WORLD

About This Newsletter Issue

The election newsletter is a free resource for getting to know the candidates running for *Chief & Council in the 2020 Membertou election*. **All candidates were responsible to submit their letters within the required word count, to ensure fairness and equality for all candidates.** All submissions appear as submitted, and are alphabetically sorted by first name. Thank you to those who submitted. A full list of candidates is enclosed. Best wishes and congratulations to all who have put their name forward for election. **Election day is October 22, 2020.** A copy of this publication can also be found online at: www.membertou.ca.

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Anthony (Ike) Paul	David Marshall	Kirk Christmas	Ryan Gould
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Community News

Voting Day

Membertou Elections are taking place at the Membertou Trade and Convention Centre in the Jenu room on **Thursday, October 22, 2020**.
Voting from 9:00 AM. - 8:00 PM.

Annual Donation

Annual Donation is scheduled for Wednesday, November 18, 2020.

Deadline for Applications is November 1, 2020.

Please note that banking information from 2019 has been deleted, you will need to provide new banking information if you want Direct Deposit. If you received the split donation in March, new applications are not necessary. But if you have moved or changed banking information, please contact the office to update your records. If you have any questions, please contact Candice at 902-564-6466 ext 2220.

Band Office Closure

The Band Office and associated facilities will be closed October 22-23, 2020 and will reopen at 9:00 AM on Monday, October 26th 2020.

Candidate: Chief of Membertou

Edwin LaPorte

With Great Power Comes Great Responsibility, Vote Edwin LaPorte for Accountability!

I am honored to accept the recent nomination in this year's election. I am the proud son of Johanna and Keith LaPorte. I am grateful for the strong family values, and work ethic that they have instilled in me from a young age. It provided me with the foundation that enabled me to persevere through many lessons in life, in order to become the strong community leader, I am today.

I am also the proud husband and father of four beautiful children. My wife and I are very proud to have raised our children, in our beautiful community of Membertou.

Throughout my professional career, I have worn many hats to say the least. Whether it was entrepreneurship, trades, or fisheries; I have always strived to do and be better in terms of creating opportunities for myself and others in my community.

Outside of my professional life, I have always remained committed and willing to lend a hand through coaching, mentoring, and supporting our youth in achieving their goals and encouraging the benefits of a healthy lifestyle.

I have excellent business, and leadership qualities that I believe will be beneficial to this community and the next seven generations, if given the opportunity.

If elected as Chief in this year's upcoming election, these are some of the goals and ideas that I would like to see us work towards:

- Committed to creating, sustaining, and providing future opportunities for our youth of today and tomorrow.
- Establishing a Membertou General Contracting Company, to access and expand on opportunities and revenue outside of the community.
- Examine our current employee benefits plan to include increased pay scales, and benefits.
- Establish a community-based Wi-Fi network to provide access to all our community members in this ever-growing technical world.
- Maximize employment opportunities within our fishing industry. "From the trap to the plate". 100%
- Explore and provide employment and revenue opportunities in the cannabis and tobacco industry.
- Implement an inclusive decision-making process, that involves community voice, on large scale community decisions.
- Committed to creating and sustaining current revenues to address Membertou's current financial deficit.

I would like to take wish all of the candidates in this years running the best of luck in our upcoming 2020 Membertou Election!!!

On October 22, Elect Edwin for the change you deserve!

Together we can and will!

Elect Edwin LaPorte for Chief 2020

Email: Edwinmb2@hotmail.com Phone: (902) 549-5244

Candidate: Chief of Membertou



Terrance Paul

Membertou,

On October 22, 2020, our community returns to the polls. For the last four years, and since the day I was elected as your Chief, I have committed myself to bettering our community for everyone. Over the last four decades, Membertou has not only experienced incredible development, but our community members have had many exciting new opportunities. Membertou's working model has become one that many communities across Canada have adopted. We are leaders, as a cooperative community. As many are aware, our community's funding from the federal government allows for little to no "extras" or opportunities for us to get ahead. Over the last 36 years, along with our council and staff, we have built a strong system that works to include all community members.

Our cooperative model allows for all of our business entities (not just gaming) to contribute to our government department budgets. Because of the revenues, we earn through our entities, we are able to top up our social fund, so nobody goes without. We are able to send any youth who wants to, for post-secondary education. Many communities are not able to do so. Our housing budget is topped up with our entity revenues, in order to do repairs, build new homes, and help families in our community. Building our capacity, builds our community. I want to continue leading this for Membertou.

I am seeking re-election as your Chief to honour our community's values of supporting each other, and to be the leader you deserve; focused, experienced, and fair.

As your Chief, I will:

LEAD YOU IN HOUSING

I am committed to continue building more and more houses for Membertou. With feedback from our community, I will also focus on repairs and alternative forms of housing for Membertou.

LEAD YOU IN EMPLOYMENT

I am committed to growing our employment opportunities for Membertou.

LEAD YOU IN GROWTH & OPPORTUNITY

Continuing the sustainable growth of Membertou is key through the following projects: New Membertou community Health Centre, building Churchill Crossing, and a new band office for Membertou.

LEAD YOU IN COMMUNITY PROSPERITY

I am committed to community-based improvements: Road work, sidewalks, and road infrastructure updates, new community hall for Membertou, youth-focused programming, and continued support for our Elders and seniors.

On October 22, 2020, I ask you to vote for me, the Leadership You Deserve. Please do not hesitate to call me with questions, ideas, or concerns at any time: 1-902-371-0072.

Wela'liog

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Terrance J. Paul".

Candidates: Councillor of Membertou

Adam Edward Gould

Membertou, with sincerity and confidence I request YOUR vote on Thursday, October 22, 2020. I am Adam Edward Gould, son of Germaine Gould and Duncan Gould, great grandson of Mary Ann and Stephen Gould (Kuntuwiktuk). Wela'liek to my brothers Christien Marshall for the nomination and Ryan Gould for seconding.

As a communications professional with over 20 years of combined education and experience, I strongly advocate transparency and open dialogue in all government and business. However, I see a lack of awareness and engagement amongst our people as a community member. Too often we only hear about corporate business via news and social media announcements. We deserve to know what deals are signed with our collective input.

I work to uphold people's confidence and trust, and will continue to lead as such. My career has taught me the values of critical thinking, public relations, and integrity. Give me your vote, and I give you a leader and advocate. Allow me to use my education, engagement and experience for you.

Rather than say, "write a letter," let's write it together. Regardless of any outcome I will continue waving to you all on October 23 and onward.

Wela'lioq, Membertou!

Adrian T.M. Gould

Hello Membertou, my name is Adrian Gould. I have been nominated for Council in the upcoming elections. I have worked for Membertou since I was 19, that's 13 years in Gaming, Public Works, Membertou Arena, and Fisheries. Some things I would like to do with my time if elected:

- reevaluate the policy involving Membertou employees looking for funding to further their education. Many of these are sole providers for their families and can not adjust to the current policy.
- I have been volunteering and putting in time with our youth since I was a teen. I've noticed we have no direction when it comes to recreation for both youth and adult activities. To me this is a problem. We have a recreation department but it's time to properly run it.
- I am an active member of the community and could be seen all over the place. I work within Membertou and enjoy my job as i get to interact with so many people in our community.

If elected I know the first 4 years will be a learning period and I intend to do just that.

I am New, Young, Enthusiastic, Passionate, Approachable and willing to do what it takes for Membertou and its future

On October 22, 2020

Vote Adrian Gould

Contact# 902-549-1506

Wela'lioq

Candidates: Councillor of Membertou

Allister Matthews

Hello Membertou

First I like to express my gratitude to Laurie Doucette and Clayton Christmas for their nomination. We have 65 good people here to fill 12 council positions in the 2020 Membertou elections. All have a vision of a better, healthier and safer environment in all aspects of our daily lives here in Membertou. I am looking forward to supporting them in their efforts. I am asking you for your trust in me to serve you as 1 of 12 councillors that will lead Membertou into the 20s. Best wishes to all candidates. On voting day please practice social distancing, wash hands frequently, masks up, vote buster and stay safe.

Thank you
Allister "Buster" Matthews



Angela Paul

My name is Angela Paul.

My 20 years of working with Membertou had me involved in many working committees such as the Diabetes Working Group, Health Emergency, Membertou Emergency Management, and Governance Committee.

I am passionate about small business development and its important contribution to our community's growth. I strongly support and will hold the best interest in the success of all our small community businesses.

I would encourage affordable and energy efficient ways to reduce the energy costs. Explore the idea of affordable housing for young adults, young families, and for single parent families.

Encourage the success of our students & community members by implementing special measures to enhance career development opportunities that would eventually lead to employment in their chosen field.

If elected, I will advocate for a Community Health Board, a group of volunteers, that will provide advice or recommendations to the Wellness Home Staff, and Chief & Council.

I can't express the importance of respectful communication and will make extra effort to ensure that our Elder's and Youth's valuable input is heard and respected.. Let me be your voice. Vote Angela Paul for Councillor

Candidates: Councillor of Membertou



Anthony (Ike) Paul

Let's keep Membertou moving forward! After taking a step back the last election, I have decided to accept the nomination and run for Council in the 2020 Elections. As you may already know, I have been a bus driver for over 41 years, councillor for 28 years and a motorcycle enthusiast. I have always strived to be fair, truthful and feel I can represent our Community and be a strong voice for Community Members.

Over the past four years, I had the opportunity to connect with community members and now is a time to:

- Improve community policing and by-laws
- Pursue businesses for the new business centre
- Promote equal employment opportunities (Training & Mentoring)
- Develop a community gathering place (Community hall for ALL to utilize...)
- Push for a "Grounded Council" (to work with our community members in a positive manner)

Thank you for your time and please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Phone: (902) 371-6712 OR Email: Ike.Mb2@gmail.com

If you are looking for some who will be accountable, transparent and fair, VOTE for IKE.

Bernd Christmas

To the Community of Membertou:

I write to our voting members to inform you of my intent to run for Membertou Council. I am honoured to be a candidate for our upcoming leadership election, and humbly ask for your support. I strongly believe our community is at a crossroads. We were once a very prosperous nation, considered a shining beacon in the Indigenous world.

As a councillor of Membertou, I will focus on advocating for and developing the following areas:

Recognition and affirmation of our inherent and treaty rights

Building a strong economy

Education

Youth and elder programming

Transparency and communication

I will leverage my 11 years of experience working as CEO of Membertou from 1995-2006 and my time working on and off Nation to serve our community. I will be the hands-on leader you can count on.

Please feel free to reach out to me by phone, text, email or social media. I want to hear from you, hear your concerns and your ideas for the future of our community. On October 22, vote Bernd Christmas for Membertou Council.

Thank you,
Bernd Christmas

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Candidates: Councillor of Membertou

Billy Jo Meuse

Dear fellow community members, I am honored and excited to take part in this year's upcoming election. My name is Billy-Jo Meuse and Membertou has been my home for the last 15 years with my wife, Claire and our 2 daughters. I have watched and listened and have had many conversations about our community. Membertou has given me many opportunities to be in the public eye through employment and cultural performances as a drummer, singer and dancer. I know firsthand how important and rewarding it can be to represent our beautiful community. In order for Membertou to welcome the world successfully we must welcome OUR community first. We must utilize our certified, educated, talented and gifted members in all areas so that we can show the world that we have a rich and vibrant history. If elected, I will work hard to ensure that my fellow community members voices, concerns and best interests are brought forth to council. I want our members to know and feel that I am working for and with you, keeping our next seven generations in mind in all decision making. My traditional knowledge will serve me well in serving you. If you would like to meet in-person or have any questions please contact me at 902-217-7445. Weli'oq



Calvin (Cal) Googoo

Hi, my name is Calvin J Googoo proud to say I was born and raised in this community of Membertou. I would love to thank the 2 guys who nominated me Donavon Christmas n Dane Joe jr! I truly believe our community and I believe they got dreams just like I do to this day! I see our youth cause they hold the future with their dreams. Succession is the key and look around maybe you will have goals to run one of our buildings! Let's Make Goals become a Reality! I would love to see an apartment complex made here just for single people so they dont have to jump couch to couch wondering where will they sleep tomorrow! This is their

home as well, community of Membertou. Lanelines for our disabled and sick helped by the band because this is essential for them! We can work together as a whole when making big decisions and this is one of the transparencies I spoke about! Also to have Elders Gatherings here like they did in different communities and hearing their stories!

Let me be your voice! Let me fight for you! We deserve equality and fairness for our people!

#MembertouFirst #MembertouStrong

#CommunityFirst #CommunityStrong #bridgingthegap

Candidates: Councillor of Membertou



Chrissy Christmas

To my fellow community members of Membertou,

Hello, my name is Chrissy Christmas. First and foremost, I would like to take the opportunity to thank the individuals who seen the potential in me, who choose to nominate me to run for the upcoming Membertou Council elections.

My platform is pretty simple. Within the eight years of working as Chief and Council's secretary, I would like a voice. I will always fight for children's rights and their protection. I would also like to see women, as individuals and not as labels, especially when seeking for help and/or assistance. I will always be here to listen and will do my best to help out in any way possible.

If elected, I will resign from my position at the Membertou Band Office to give this new and learning opportunity to an individual and also provide them with help by training the new employee.

Have a Great Day, Wela'lin!
Chrissy Christmas
chrissychristmas3@gmail.com
902-574-6806



Christien Marshall

My name is Christien Marshall and I am honoured to be nominated for council. I am the oldest son of David and the late Terry Lynn Marshall. I was born and raised in Membertou and have been a part of our community for 35 years. Myself and my wife Kimberly live and raise our three children here. I am an employee with Membertou Housing, although many of you are aware of this as I am in your homes on a regular basis. I believe not only my dependability during what I do in the day, but my availability after hours shows how seriously I take supporting our community members. I have learned a lot about each one of you over the years in my time in your homes and volunteering within our community. If elected I plan on being a strong voice for concerns and standing up for what is right. I believe in our own community capacity building and that we all possess strengths and when we join together our strengths are amplified and our weaknesses balance out. Let's band together and support, uplift and

empower one another to stand in our greatness. I want elders, adults and our youth to feel comfortable depending on me for whatever they need. I am here to be effective, I am here for you. Wela'lioq

Candidates: Councillor of Membertou

Dana Joe Sr.

I am Dana Joe and I am asking for your vote on October 22.

I recently retired from policing after 26 years within Mi'kmaq communities with Unama'ki Tribal Police and the RCMP. If elected, I will treat this position like I've treated my career – with fairness, empathy, compassion, and to support those in need during times of crisis. As a Mi'kmaq speaker, I understand the importance of our language and voice. Our voice must be heard in the traditional and new way.

I am proud to be from Our Membertou and our community members should be as well. Membertou's commercial success is known internationally. However, our people should be the first priority.

We have a crisis in our community right now. The focus of our leaders must be on our alarmingly high child poverty rates. The 2019 Report Card on Child and Family Poverty in Nova Scotia notes that 51.5%--over half of the children in Membertou--live in poverty. We are praised nationally for our success in business, but how would these same people feel about a community where more than half the children live in poverty?

If elected, I will do my best to represent you, Our Membertou, our future, and our children.

Wela'liog
Dana Joe



Dean Christmas

Dear Community Members,

I, Dean Christmas, am running in the 2020 elections. First Elected in 2000, I have served for 9 consecutive terms. I would like to thank all of you, for your continued support over the years serving you as a member of council. I would like the opportunity to continue representing our community in the future. I am a son, brother, husband, father, grandfather, cousin and friend. I am also serving as Keptin for the Mi'kmaq Grand Council since 2004. I have recently retired after 26 years from Mi'kmaq Family and Children Services in 2017 with the expectation of giving my full undivided attention to my community. There have been a lot of changes taking place in Membertou that we can all be proud of, with a great deal of work still left to do. My goals for our community are to see an increase in housing, employment and to bring forward more opportunities for our youth. I believe that with some work we can make our community stronger and healthier and this all starts with our youth

and children, who are our future. Their goals and dreams are ours to share and keep and to work towards. This all starts with treating everyone with respect, honesty, fairness and love. I love our community and all its people and I want everyone to be successful. I look forward to serving you in the future. I would also like to take this time to say a special Thank you to Emily Paul and Joyce Paul for nominating me for this year's election.

I will not be campaigning door to door due to covid reasons. Please feel free to contact me if you would like to talk.

P- 902-577-6257 | E- deanchristmas@membertou.ca

Thank You, and God Bless
Dean Christmas

Candidates: Councillor of Membertou



Eugene Simon

Hello, my name is Eugene Simon and I am running for a council seat in the upcoming Membertou elections. If elected, I can offer honesty, fairness, equality, along with the respect that you deserve with an open mind and a good listening ear, you can count on me to hear your views and concerns so that I can represent you to be your strong voice.

I have always been a strong worker and strong willed man with a passion to move forward, so I can carry out my part in keeping this community great by supporting the community members of all ages to prosper and thrive. Whether the goals be education, small businesses, or improving your health. Big or small it is your future so let's all work hard together to make this community even greater.

I also have a passion for:

- Fighting for what is right
- Fighting for families
- Taking action and getting results
- Having an open ear for people's personal battles (addictions, domestic issues, personal health, unhappy times)

Every household is different, and I want to hear more about you so let's stay connected. Do not hesitate to call or text me at (902) 577-3873 or stop by at 138 Tupsi Drive.

Thank you, your friend Eugene Simon.

Gail Christmas

My name is Gail Christmas. I am the daughter of Jeanette Tuplin and Gary Christmas. I am engaged to my lovely fiancée Sarah and together we are raising our daughter Marissa. I am a graduate of the Social Services/Child and Youth Care Program from NSCC. I have been challenged with adversities and have overcome them by my determination, patience and creative problem-solving skills. It is with these life experiences that I can relate to many common issues in concerns with poverty, addiction & housing.

- Addictions and mental health. I am always looking for ways to help our people and our community towards growth and healing.
- Love being a mentor to our youth
- Love assisting our elders as they are our knowledge keepers.
- Goal setting, I help people towards accomplishing their goals
- Started "Ruth's Pantry" which is a food bank in my late Grandmother Ruth's memory, she was a woman who would provide out of pure love, which are the values she has passed on to me.

I am honoured to have been your voice for the past four years of being a Councillor for Membertou. I want to humbly ask for your support this following election & I hope that you will consider me on October 22nd 2020

Candidates: Councillor of Membertou



Graham Marshall

Kwe Nitap

I hope you are well during this uncertain time through this Covid-19 pandemic as we have been blessed so far on having almost no cases in the eastern region. I want to thank you for giving me the opportunity to represent us. As being a member of Council this past 4 years and I am asking once again for your support. During these 4 years past, Membertou has accomplished so much with the addition of the Membertou Sport & Wellness Centre, which also has the Y.M.C.A and new Doctors offices. The Lanes bowling alley, which is the newest candlepin-bowling centre in Atlantic Canada, the addition of Chief Ben Christmas statue at our Heritage Park. Just a couple examples of how Membertou has thrived in these couple years, but that's what makes Membertou the best. It's the people of Membertou with our continued hard work ethic and mission to always succeed. Our parents, grandparents and great grandparents have always instilled the next generation to thrive and pass down our virtues for tomorrow's Membertou. And

today our community is the equation of why we are one of the best Indigenous Communities in Canada and also on why we are observed internationally for the hard work and dedication WE as a people have done. On October 22nd I would be honoured to continue to represent you as a member of Membertou Council.

Sincerely Yours, Graham Marshall

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Graham Marshall".

Jayden Paul



Candidates: Councillor of Membertou



Jeff Ward

My name is Jeffery Allan Ward, I am asking for your vote on October 22nd. I am the loving husband of Stephanie Elaine Gould, who is the daughter of Clarence Gould Sr & Evelyn Gould. We are the proud parents of 4 successful adult children & 1 grandchild. Currently, I am the General Manager of the Heritage Park, I serve as the Co-Chair for both the Membertou Interagency Committee & Cape Breton YMCA. I am an active community member who volunteers on numerous local boards & committees. I am an active community member and take every opportunity to contribute to Membertou's success. I graduated from CBU with a Bachelor of Arts in Community Studies major in Mi'kmaq studies and minor in Business, currently enrolled part-time in the MBA program in Community Economic Development. Throughout my career, I have been an entrepreneur, Director of a Crisis Center, Band Manager, a constable with the RCMP & Red Bank Police. I continue to MC numerous Mawiomi's/Pow-Wows/Conferences. I am also a proud Mi'kmaq singer, drummer, & pipe carrier who practices Traditional Mi'kmaq Spirituality. My commitment to our community has always been one of my strongest qualities. I am humbly asking for your support.

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Jennifer Martin

As a humble person, I am not comfortable talking about myself and my accomplishments. I have had a long, successful career with Membertou that allowed me to gain knowledge in many different areas. I have been Membertou's Policy Coordinator for almost 14 years and have a deep understanding of all our policies. These skills and experience will make me an effective councillor and a great asset to Council.

I have attended many courses throughout my life, but there's one I would like to highlight now – Asset Based Community Development at the Coady Institute. It helped me process things I was feeling but couldn't find the words to express- in a community every person has something to contribute. I believe that we all have different strengths that add value to our community in our own way.

All of the issues raised in the platforms are important. I will always consider the different points of view in every situation and will use that to help guide me to make the best decisions for our community.

I have a Facebook group (Jennifer Martin for Council 2020) where I will post most of my campaign and more about my background. If you would like to talk, I can be reached at (902) 577-2125.

Candidates: Councillor of Membertou

Joan Denny

Dear Membertou Community Members,

I am honoured to be nominated in this year's 2020 elections. I am asking you for your consideration and support. If elected, I will put our community members first and make the best decisions I can to represent you. I want to extend my best wishes and the best of luck to all candidates. Due to covid-19 I will not be campaigning door to door, however, you are more than welcome to contact me at 902-576-3071.

Wela'liog

Joan Denny

Joey Sylvester

Elect Joey Sylvester for Council 2020

My name is Joey Sylvester I have decided to run for council for this year and I am asking for your support in the upcoming election. I believe that true leaders are non-judgemental and willing to hear what others have to say. I am a strong advocate for the youth in the community and believe that the youth need strong role models and mentors to guide them in their journey. I believe that our youth need to have an understanding of the value of our treaty rights, including the right to hunt, fish and harvest. Over the years, I have volunteered and supported our youth in various ways and value this relationship. I am running as a Councillor for Membertou because I feel we deserve a community where everyone has access to housing (including a strong voice for young single adults), fair employment opportunities, food security, community services, thriving businesses, and accessible, connected leadership. I will lead by example and work hard every single day for our community members. I will work cooperatively and professionally with the Chief and Council of your choosing. I pledge to be a strong, progressive Council Member and never give up.

Candidates: Councillor of Membertou

Johanna LaPorte

Re-Elect Johanna LaPorte for Council:

I will not be going out campaigning this year because of Covid.

If you have any concerns on anything you can send me a personal message thru Facebook or you can email me at jlaporte@syd.eastlink.ca.

The only thing that I promise is that I will always have our Community first and foremost.

I would like to thank Cecelia Christmas and Ryan Gould for nominating me this year.

Thank you for your time.

Good luck to all Candidates running in the election.

Jordan Paul



Candidates: Councillor of Membertou

Julie Christmas

My name is Julie Christmas, a fluent Mi'kmaq speaker and a lifelong resident. I have been employed with Membertou for 43 years. I was a Council Member for 30+ years, and part of the decision making that brought about great change here. We saw the development of Membertou Gaming, MTCC, Market, and much of the infrastructure that stands today. That said, I never forgot who I was, or where I came from. I take pride in helping those who feel they were forgotten. I'm a fighter and I will fight for what matters; you. We need more women on Council that will not shy away from tough decisions. If I am elected, I would like to see better mental health/addictions outreach. To have our own Dialysis Clinic. Address concerns with housing quality. Apartments and single units for young/single people. Support for workers wanting to return to school. Systems in place for the 2nd wave of Covid-19. Protections for our workers. Support for volunteers and employees who must work through it. I won't make you promises, but I will represent you with integrity, wisdom, and fearlessness, and my heart and home will always be open to you. Vote for experience you can trust. Wela'lioq, Julie

Kirk Christmas

To the community of Membertou

My name is Kirk Christmas and I'm running for a council position in the upcoming elections. I've always been active and supportive in all functions held in our community such as walks, fundraisers and so much more. I've watched our positive community growth and feel it's time for some of my ideas and plans to be put to use, I feel I will have a great contribution to our community moving forward well into the future. I can't list all the stuff I wish to accomplish here, but I also have a letter that will be going around that will explain what I wish to accomplish and so much more. I'm always out and about so accessibility will not be an issue, I am the leadership u need and deserve, Membertou elections 2020, community lives matter, I can be reached anytime though messenger, phone or in person Wela'lin 371-2800

Candidates: Councillor of Membertou



Lawrence Paul

Dear Membertou Community Members,

It is that time again where we cast our votes to elect your Chief and Council. I am humbled to be nominated for this upcoming election on October 22, 2020. I would love the opportunity to continue serving you as your elected council for Membertou.

It is my sincerest commitment to you that I will continue to work for your current and future developments and strive to serve the people and families of Membertou in a fair and honest manner. It is with integrity, dedication and reliability that I will continue to make decisions that I do for the betterment for our community members.

I will continue to be your voice at the table to address your concerns at the best of my ability and continue to work diligently on issues concerning: Our Elders, Our Youth, Mental Health & Addictions, Education, Housing & Development.

It is my sincerest hope that you, the people of Membertou will once again give me the opportunity to continue to be your elected representative at the Council table.

Thank you & Wela'lin

Lawrence (Quism) Paul 902-577-6298

Lee Gould

To our band members:

I'm a lifelong resident of Membertou.

COVID-19 hit us hard. Council's priority is to keep everyone safe. It's going to take a long time, but with strong leadership and teamwork, our businesses will recover, and we'll return to being a steady, progressive and prosperous community. By voting, you can have a say in who's going to guide us in these uncertain times and who's going to continue to lead us to self-governance. We continue to build a strong community for our youth and future generations and someday, they'll take over and become our leaders.

I lead by example. I'm committed. I'm a team player. I've gained experience. I know what my responsibilities are.

I've been one of your Councillors since 2008 and I'm running for re-election. I'm proud to represent you and I'd be honoured to continue in this role. If re-elected, I'll continue to listen and to bring your issues, concerns and ideas forward. I appreciate your support and ask for your vote on October 22nd.

Respectfully,

Lee Gould (902)567-6933 leegould632@gmail.com

Candidates: Councillor of Membertou

Marcella Marshall

K'we,

My name is Marcella Marshall and I am a lifelong member and resident and long time employee of Membertou. I have worked in many areas of our community which gave me a vast understanding of how we work, what does work, and what could/should change. Some of the departments I have worked extensively in are: Finance, Fisheries, QA (ISO), MTCC, and Lanes At Membertou. My roles varied in each department going from Administrative help up to program coordinator/acting general manager. I feel being a part of many of the successes and lessons learned in Membertou as a business and community have left me with the skill sets required to be an asset to our current council.

Overall Platform Key Points:

- Community input and contributions to major decisions
- Housing issue and homelessness
- Employment readiness and succession plans for community members
- Life skills mentoring for our youth
- Increased inclusion for off reserve members

My platform here is limited due to space, but I do look forward to speaking with any community member that wishes to discuss my platform with them. I can be reached at the following phone number and email. Phone 902-217-0502 Email: marcellamarshall@hotmail.com. I can also be contacted via Facebook.

Wela'liog

Marcella Marshall



Mary I. Joe-Francis

K'we

My name is Maryi Joe-Francis I am the daughter of Charlie and Eleanor Joe, I was born and raised in Membertou where I currently live with my husband Leonard and our four children. After much consideration and discussion with my family and elders, I have decided to seek a spot for Membertou Council 2020 I am asking for your support for the upcoming Membertou election.

I strongly believe my professional experiences, education and skills will be a positive addition to our community and I will be a strong voice for everyone. I am outspoken and honest! I will speak for you at the table with the upmost respect as one of your leaders!

I am an active volunteer in our community, Avid coach for girl's/women's basketball, volunteer for youth hockey, the Nova Scotia Mi'kmaq summer games, Also an advocate for our children's safety.

Skills: great communication, decision making capabilities, creativity and innovation, empathy, confidence, driven, assertive, honest, fair

Platform: youth, community, families, employment, elder mentoring, housing, fisheries, life skills mentoring, mental health, food security

I won't promise anything because I believe we should WORK together as a community, I am here to listen and be your voice to fellow leaders.

Candidates: Councillor of Membertou



Melissa MacDonald

My name is Melissa MacDonald and I am looking for your support in the upcoming Membertou Election.

In 2019 I received my MBA in Community Economic Development. The key word being Community. Community first is important to me for ALL community members.

I have worked for Membertou for over 16 years in various departments and have gained much knowledge and experience in my roles.

I have a strong desire to help our community members and I want to be your voice of fairness, equality and openness.

If you would like to contact me, you can call or text 902-979-4186.

Sincerely,

Melissa MacDonald



Michelle MacEwan

My name is Michelle MacEwan and I have been nominated for council. I have always been proud to be from Membertou. We have seen our community grown exponentially in population and in business endeavors. More transparency between council and our community, in regards to huge decisions that affect us all. An urgent need for housing for single members should be addressed. Reinvestment back into our community is important. A community center for us all to gather since we have lost this element that is important to our Mi'kmaq way of life. We are close knit and one of the best things about Membertou. Our youth are our future and they all have so much potential! Our future is bright! New play areas in our newer neighborhoods is a must! A splash pad park would be a wonderful addition for our children. More access in mental health, support and assessment is needed. I have seen first hand the cracks in our public health system as a whole in Nova Scotia, but more apparent in 1st

nations communities. I truly love being a proud member of Membertou and would be honored to be a member of your council and work hard for you! Wela'lioq, Michelle MacEwan

Candidates: Councillor of Membertou



Paul Adams

My name is Paul Adams and I am honored to be nominated for council. Firstly, I would like to thank Peter Paul for the nomination and Candice Paul for the second. I am a Red Seal carpenter; I also hold the Atlantic trades Business Seal. My goal would be to improve things that need it and create new opportunities for our community. My focus would be the housing situation In Membertou. I would like to see an apartment complex for young adults and families displaced by unforeseen circumstances. Improvements to new home builds that would allow them to be built faster by eliminating unnecessary wait times. I want to address equal pay and benefits for contractors and staff positions. I would like to see a community first attitude that works, not just interviews because you are a community member. I would like to see Council respond to the letters they receive for help. I want Council to have a quarterly open meeting to discuss important matters in the community. This may

prove difficult but I feel that it would help council make more informed decisions. Thank you for taking the time to reading this and I would appreciate your support in the upcoming election.



Paul Bradley Gould

To our community,

For the past 13 years I have worked as a carpenter in our community and have seen firsthand how fast we have grown. Although we have built an incredible number of new homes, I realize we are in much need of more temporary housing to accommodate all living situations, as well as building units that can provide homes to those who fall outside of our current housing application process.

Membertou is a leader, not just in Cape Breton, but in all of Mi'kma'ki. We are a resilient community, and we will have to remain dedicated to our moderate livelihood Treaty rights. It would be my honour to contribute to that accomplishment for our people and continue us on the road to self-determination.

I know the importance of sport and recreation in our community and know the major roll it plays in building ones character, and self esteem.

If elected I plan on treating our people with respect, the way I always have. As an open-minded individual I want to work with community members to ensure their concerns are heard and addressed. I also look forward to learning from our great leaders along the way.

On October 22, 2020 I look forward to your support
Paul Bradley Gould

Candidates: Councillor of Membertou



Ryan Ginnish

Our community is strong and resilient; we have always stood together through good times and bad. Membertou is a community we can all be proud of. My goal as your councillor is to ensure we keep moving forward together, thriving, while maintaining our Mikmaq culture of caring for ALL our community members.

I'm a husband and proud father of 3 children. For the past 15 years we worked hard to build a life which took us to Halifax, but we always retained our strong connection to Membertou; I have been a volunteer coach for Membertou youth hockey for over 16 years. We have now moved home and look forward to raising our children here and contributing to the community.

I have a BA, Community Studies concentration in Mi'kmaq Studies from CBU and attended the NSCC Business Administration program. My business partner and I built Thunderbird Commercial Insurance from the ground up. We provide specialty insurance to First Nations communities; I take great pride in my work.

My one promise is that as Councillor I will work hard every day for you, always listen to concerns, and always stand up for our people.

Wela'liog
Ryan "Mooch" Ginnish



Ryan Gould

Hello, My name is Ryan Gould. I am Mi'kmaq and was born and raised in Membertou. I am 36 and a proud father of 5 beautiful daughters. I have been a Journeyman Plumber for 9 years and have been serving my community with this trade for 13 years. I have worked all over the country including the provinces of Alberta, New Brunswick, and Nova Scotia. I'm the Aboriginal Apprenticeship Coordinator for the Mi'kmaq Economic Benefits Office in Membertou. I am the proud owner of Rusty Pipes Plumbing & Heating. I'm a Level 3 Steam Fitter/ Pipe Fitter. I have also completed the Atlantic Business Seal Program here in Sydney, amongst the first cohort of all Aboriginal Journey-people in the country. I am the President of the Membertou Men's Society. It is a blessing to have the opportunity to collaborate with many different charities and organizations such as:

- The 55 Plus Club
- Women's and Men's Groups of Unama'ki
- Youth Chief and Council
- Canadian Mental Health Authority
- Justice for MMIW & MMIM
- Youth and Adults Sports Organizations
- Black Lives Matter
- NS Standing Together Project
- Salvation Army
- Residential School Survivors
- Sydney Academy High School
- CB Regional Police
- Good Food Bus

Candidates: Councillor of Membertou

Salena Sylvester

Kwè, I am 21-year-old Salena Sylvester from Membertou First Nation. I'm the daughter of Carol Sylvester and granddaughter of Roseanne and Joe Sylvester, I am proud of our community and who I am, a strong Mi'kmaq woman and mother. I am humble, determined, and outspoken. I know I'm ready! I'm in my last year of my BACS (community studies) program. I want to be a leader, a voice, and a friend. I'm dedicated to help balance our community with our culture, healing and sustainability. I want to be an on the ground worker, someone who is standing next to you.

Some goals would be a new youth centre, an adult centre, apartments, community input sessions, employment and community awareness. We need to connect with our grassroot teachings and focus on the needs and fairness of our community members. If I were to get elected in council, I would make it a priority for me to put away days that I can be available at a location for conversation. I know that I cannot make any promises, but I can promise you this: I will do everything I can for the Membertou community to succeed, be heard and heal.

I want to see our community not just survive but thrive!

Wela'liq!
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Sheila Ginnish

To our community of Membertou:

I have been asked, Sheila why do you want to be on Council? I say, Membertou community is made up of families! Women of Membertou have always been the glue that kept our families together, throughout our history. I believe Mi'kmaq women are the backbone of Membertou and more women should be on council. We should be teaching our daughters and sons to be the next leaders of Membertou. The real question should be, why aren't there more women on council and when will Membertou have a woman as Chief? Currently, Chief & Council of Membertou have 3 women and 10 men. Women of Membertou make up 55% of the eligible voters of Membertou, but only represent 23% of Membertou's current Chief & Council.

Why should more of our Mi'kmaq women be in council?

- 1) We are smart
- 2) We are team players
- 3) Strong communicators
- 4) Mi'kmaq women lead by example
- 5) We are great listeners
- 6) We are compassionate and strong
- 7) We are a voice that should be heard
- 8) Mi'kmaq women complete the circle and create balance

I am a Mi'kmaq woman and I have lived in Membertou for most of my life. I believe it's time, that our Mi'kmaq women have an equal share in the leadership roles, that will shape the future of our community. Let's all work together! Both Mi'kmaq men and women of Membertou. I Believe the Greatest Mi'kmaq Tradition is Caring for each other!

VOTE: Sheila Ginnish for Council

Candidates: Councillor of Membertou



Storm Alexander Christmas

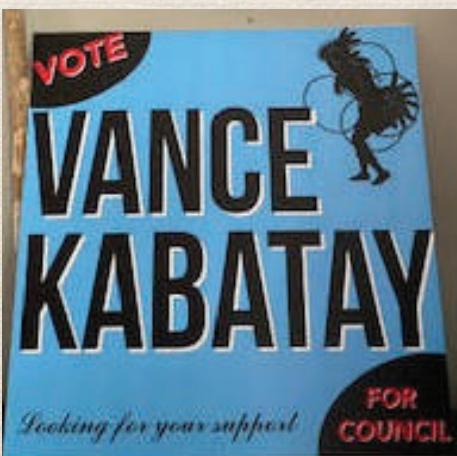
My name is Storm Sack. I've been nominated for the position of Councillor for Membertou. This is to let you know that I am very interested in pursuing this very honorable position in our community. My interest and passion is aimed towards community; Elders, youth and all community members. Our people and our community is my main priority.

It's time our expanding community thought about the future generation and the next 25 years and turning over our future in some meaningful way to our youth. The existing Chief & Council should be thanked for all the hard work that they have done and should remain in some capacity to help train and influence the incoming youth to take over.

My goals are quite simple, respect and honor our elders who have guided us this far, respect and honor our youth so that we may retain the values and teaching that you have given us and to use this wisdom, along with 21st century knowledge and technology, to make a respectful and bountiful future for all.

With this, I hope to become a band councillor and ask for your support on October 22nd, 2020.

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Vance Kabatay

Community members of Membertou;
I'm Vance Kabatay and I'm running for council in the upcoming election. I'm a lifelong resident of Membertou and I've also raised my family here. Thank you to Raymond Christmas and my sister, Cindy Kabatay for nominating me. I accept the nomination to run for a seat in council to represent the voice of community workers/employees. I've dedicated 25 years to working for the community in the Public Works department and proud to be a part of its growth and development. I started as a laborer and have worked and trained to the position as director.

I can only promise if elected, I will work as a team member and forward community concerns to have them addressed fairly and diligently. I will do my best to represent the community at the council level.

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I'd like to wish fellow candidates a safe and successful campaign. Wela'lioq

Vance Kabatay

Candidates: Councillor of Membertou



Wendy Christmas

“You can’t truly enjoy economic development without investing time and resources on social development.” Kevin and I returned to Membertou six years ago. I was Donations Officer for RBC for 38 years at their Atlantic Headquarters. My days were spent reviewing grants from organizations such as women’s shelters, food banks, residential care for youth in crisis, and so many more. I managed an annual budget of \$3.5 million. My favourite part was phoning these organizations, talking to those on the frontlines. These conversations gave me hope for those caught in the underclass, the underserved, the poor. So many good people who provided what the government didn’t or couldn’t. Two of my favourite RBC Foundation grants were the \$40,000 to Membertou Heritage Park and the after school program I supported for Elsipogtog. It paid off with higher literacy and math scores for First Nations students, beating other students in the province for the first time.

Previous councils worked hard to bring success to the community but now I think we must take a moment and do a thorough social audit. There are families and individuals who have fallen through the cracks and deserve strong voices working together to champion their cause. We have to address the 51% child poverty rate head on! No child should worry about safety or food security.

We have to take the politics out of business. As many have said, we are not a brand, we are a community. I am honoured to be nominated and promise to work for you. If you would like to discuss issues and ideas and what I can offer, please contact me.

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