

**MCFN Community Trust, June 2022 Trustee Election: Candidate
information. Election Date: June 17, 2022**

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<p>Melonie Ballek (Cardinal)</p> 	<p>I am a proud MCFN member and very honoured to be able to have this opportunity to apply for the Trustee for MCFN. I have been married for 25 years and have 3 grown children and 4 grandchildren. I have lived in Grande Prairie, AB for 40+ years. I love all sports and in my spare time I like to hunt, fish, camp and spend time with my family.</p> <p>Throughout my career, I have been very dedicated, passionate, trustworthy and goal driven. I have worked most of my life in the Oilfield Industry in Sales and Administration. I am actively involved in volunteering with the GP Skating, Volleyball, Softball, Rotary clubs and Oilmen. I am a team player and believe I would be an asset for this position. I would have the ability to travel and attend any meetings that would be required and I am ready to learn. I am passionate and believe I would be a strong voice for all members. I believe in transparency and I encourage clear and timely communication.</p>	<p>It is important for me to apply to be a Trustee not only for my heritage but it in my goal to build trust amongst our members on and off reserve. I plan to be involved to not only learn but to also listen and have input. I bring with me a wealth of knowledge not only from my lifetime but also my work history. I believe I would be a great asset to our Board of Trustee’s if given the opportunity.</p>
<p>Trista Joy Simpson</p> 	<p>My name is Trista Simpson, I am a member of the Mikisew Cree First Nation; I have been serving on the Mikisew Community Trust for 1 term and through my service upheld transparency concerning the nations assets. I maintain my commitment to strong advocacy for truth which has asked for bravery in the face of stigma to speaking up. I have earned the respect of my peers through recognition awards along my career path and seek to give the capacity I've gained through education and experience back to my nation while serving on the community trust board.</p>	<p>It's important for membership, including myself, to learn about our governance structure and how assets are managed. The members of Mikisew have a vested interest in seeing the success of our nation both now and into the future and I think a key part of that assurance is active participation.</p>

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<p>Tiffany Marten</p> 	<p>Being a member of MikisewCree and also, a part of a larger nation of Indigenous people, I feel it is important for transparency in all aspects of life. In order for personal success and representation of a nation, having the bravery to speak out when something goes against my core values, knowing how to speak with respect, not assuming I know everything but listening to those around me and honoring myself and my culture are truths I live by.</p>	<p>I feel like I would bring an outside non-bias representation for the betterment of Mikisew and its members. Having a young minded individual to add voice into decisions that will need to be made is something I feel is important to me.</p>
<p>Roy Benjamin Vermillion</p> 	<p>MCFN’s core values including respect, honour, truth humility, love, bravery and honesty are an important part of MCFN culture. My grandparents, parents, siblings and community people taught me these values and they have guided me my entire life. I was taught to respect, love and honour all living things. I learned about humility and bravery and how to make these a part of my daily life. They taught me truth and honesty and I understand how important these are in life. I am thankful for the teachings and values and strive to implement them in all aspects of my life including family, work and community.</p>	<p>I will accept the responsibility as a trustee of the MCFN Community Trust to benefit all MCFN members. I am prepared to undertake the tasks required as a trustee and work with others to benefit the entire MCFN membership now and for future generations. I have extensive education and knowledge from committee’s, boards and organizations that will benefit the trust. I completed a three year term with the Community Trust and am very knowledgeable about the Trust.</p>