

My Name is Crystal De Leskie Stevens I am a sober 35 year old mother of 4 incredible children. You may or may not know me through my work with Shwe Miikaan. I have been the Health and Safety Manager since 2018.

I am very proud Anishinaabe woman who enjoys Hunting, fishing, sledding and working very hard to provide a wholesome life for my children.

I have worked my entire adult life in the Construction sector mainly Heavy Civil.

I have lived on reserve for nearly my whole life and have seen the many ups and downs that come with living on reserve.

I'd like to get straight into why it is that I decided to run for Council this upcoming elections. To put it simply, we are dealing with a devastating drug crisis within the community and my primary focus is to bring awareness to this issue being that I know first hand what it is to be raised around addiction my whole life.

When I was 27, I suffered the loss of my mother who passed due to intravenous drug use. And since then, I have lost countless friends and family to the disease.

I know that addiction affects every family far and wide, but this community needs healing among other important topics that should be addressed such as:

- 1) Transparency.
- 2) Treating on and off reserve members with fairness and compassion.
- 3) Having a council that is approachable and understanding.
- 4) Leading by example.
- 5) Addressing issues of financials, fair wages and housing.
- 6) Bringing awareness to members about our harvesting rights.
- 7) Land preservation



Deer I Harvested with the community youth.

Let's Bring awareness to our ongoing drug crisis within our community.

I think it's time to start seeing a real change for our First Nation and to do that, we need to elect those who understand that our home is not a corporation, it is a community! The land we have here is it. If we continue to sell it, what will we have left for our children?



Teaching my eldest son Dante son spear-fishing

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