## Elect Rupert Brennan for Councilor on Thursday March 23, 2023

I am retired from Vale (formerly INCO) with 35 years of service leaving as an industrial millwright. Not ready to retire, I then worked 8 years manufacturing and installing overhead doors for a company in Sudbury. I enrolled into Transport Training and obtained tickets for rock truck, loader, backhoe, excavator and a DZ driver's license. I am currently employed at HIFN operating equipment and driving trucks which includes snow removal and ploughing/sanding. My life has and continues to be productive, and I believe my experiences and life lessons will have a positive effect within the community.

Since my youth I've been into sports. Hockey, football, soccer and as catcher then pitcher in fastball for Pickerel River now Henvey Inlet First Nation. I believe there should be more focus on our youth and give them the opportunity to participate in sports as I did. Sports creates comradery and trust as well as the want to excel. HIFN should reach out to other communities to organize sporting events such as ball or hockey tournaments or even a league and put the hockey rink to use. Physical fitness is an important part of our children's development and will help to keep them on a positive track.

A major concern in all communities is mental wellbeing and addiction. Recreation is an important step in physical and mental development. If you are physically and mentally strong, there is less chance of turning to drugs and/or alcohol. Addiction prevention starts with teaching our youth to avoid this deadly coping mechanism. We are a people worthy and deserving of respect and pride. Mentoring in sports and culture will prepare our children for the transition into adulthood and into the workforce...our workforce. I believe sports and mentoring is the foundation to life and healing. This is my primary concern, and I will push to make it happen. Let's give our youth the fighting chance that they deserve. Please call me with any concerns: 1-705-675-1519

