

PERSONAL BACKGROUND

Bruce is a Mushkegowuk Cree, born and raised in Ontario, on the James Bay coast, in his home First Nation Attawapiskat.

Bruce speaks Cree dialect fluently and understands Oji-Cree and Ojibway language. He strongly believes in preserving our Indigenous Language and Traditions which is vital to our heritage today in this generation and in generations to come.

In 1993, Bruce married Jennifer, a Cree, from Fisher River Cree Nation, Manitoba. They have been married for 27 years. They resided, in Winnipeg the first 4 years of their marriage, and moved his family to Thunder Bay where they have lived for the last 23 years.

- Bruce has a post secondary and has attended National Native Bible College, NNBC, located in Deseronto, Ontario.
- Bruce has a political background being a former Chief of his home community in Attawapiskat, in 2016. During this time in office, a suicidal crisis erupted in the community. He was able to work along side the Council and Mental Health Workers and help stabilize the community.
- Organized an Overcomers group sessions for those who had social and addiction issues.
- Former Pastor in Attawapiskat

Bruce Shisheesh is an motivational Speaker for over 30 years. In that time has traveled to South America, and also spoke in Federal and Provincial Prisons sharing the message of hope and healing. He has also had the opportunity to be involved in Children's Camp, and counselling kids with behaviour and solvent abuse.

GOALS/OBJECTIVES

1. SELF DETERMINATION

- I Believe we are self-determining Indigenous people.
- Freedom to Govern itself.

2. SUSTAINABILITY

- Building our Economic Sustainability for our communities.
- Ring of Fire - revenue sharing.
- Build upon the skills that we have and train our people. Training Carpentry Electrician Plumbing Mechanics.
- Strategic plan that will benefit our communities.
- Develop Collectively in Forestry.

3. CAPACITY

EDUCATION

- Continue and sign NAN Education Jurisdiction Negotiations Agreement.
- Education is the key ingredient to a successful future of our youth.
- Education was one of the benefits that was promised to us - in the treaty.

HOUSING

- We face a major need of Housing.
- There are many homes with over 10 people and excessive over crowding.
- Housing Indigenous living in Third-World conditions.

WATER

- Ending Boil Water Advisories.
- Everyone in this Country deserve good and safe drinking water.

- No one at anytime should feel threatened by their community source water.
- We need to fight for good clean water, after all we are the governments responsibility.
- Accessing clean water is an ongoing issue that must be advocating for the north.
- It's crucial for our health.
- We need clean water everyday.

HEALTH

- NAN First Nations Driven Health Care.
- We have a health system that needs to be addressed for the people in the north.
- Our Health System can be improved in many areas in the north.
- Such as accessing proper care when a crisis arises. our people are suffering.
- To continue and support the important work NAN has been doing with Health Transformation.

4. FAMILY

CHILD WELFARE

- Taking over child and family services. (Self-Governing)
- We Indigenous Nations need to decide what is best for our children.
- Our children are not commodities, they are human beings.
- They belong with Indigenous families.
- Continue to facilitate and foster good working relationships with the Federal and Provincial governments, especially those issues that affect NAN Territory.

SUPPORT FOR OUR YOUTH AND GRASSROOTS

- Our youth need leaders to show their support at important gatherings or events, especially at the grassroots level.
- We cannot ignore their voices.

COMBATING ADDICTIONS

- We are dealing with too many unnecessary deaths in our communities as a result of illegal substances and drug use.
- Providing ongoing support for our communities in their fight to better their communities.
- Work with the Chief and Council to develop strategies in tackling the drug crisis.

SUICIDE

- Advocate for NAN Suicide Prevention.
- We have to look at all of the problems that First Nations have been forced to suffer through; Residential School, racism in society and racist government programs, lack of education services and health care services, the lack of opportunities for meaningful work, and even changes in the environment are all a part of the problem.
- Government needs to listen to us First Nations to hear our solutions.

SOCIAL JUSTICE

- Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls.
- Residential School.

TREATY

- We can not lose sight of our Treaty rights that will protect us and future generations.
- The Treaties must be respected.
- Our Treaty Rights cannot be neglected - we must stay focused on our Treaties.

JORDAN'S PRINCIPAL

- Solutions would be ideal .
- For example youth programming in COUNSELLING AND SAFETY, EDUCATION, CULTURAL, RECREATION AND THE ARTS.

HIGH COST OF LIVING

- Food Distribution System - Like Groceries.
- How many people do you know in your community is going without because they can't afford to buy what they like.
- Business that is starting that can supply at their own cost - to meet the demands.
- System can be change.

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BRUCE SHISHEESH

**“A VOICE FOR NAN FIRST
NATIONS PEOPLE“**