

Boozhoo. My name is Rachel L. Burt and I am running for the position of Councilperson for the Bay Mills Indian Community Executive Council. I am the proud daughter of the late Lorri (Parrish) and Barry Burt, and the granddaughter of the late Irma (Cameron) and Robert "Bob" Parrish. My partner, Casey Lyons, and I have two beautiful children, Quentin and Neva.



An attribute and distinction of mine that I am proud of is my education. While being an active mother and full-time employee, I have earned an Associate of Science degree and Bachelor of Science degree in Legal Studies/Public Administration from Lake Superior State University, as well as a Master of Public Administration degree from Northern Michigan University. I am now pursuing an Ed.S./Doctorate in Education. This is a testament to my dedication and ability to work hard to achieve the goals I set.

I have worked for our Tribe nine of the last eleven years. Because I have worked in both the enterprise and governmental sectors of our Tribe, I believe this allows me the ability to appreciate many of our tribal members' perspectives.

In June 2018, I was hired as the Tribal Grant Writer. Since being brought onboard, I have been able to successfully secure over \$2.7 million dollars in new funding for our Tribe. I have had the opportunity to work with many of our tribal departments within this position. This has afforded me the ability to see not only the "big picture" as it pertains to our Tribe, but also the nuances that exist in each department. I know what is going on within our Tribe and will be able to "hit the ground running" should I be privileged with the position I am seeking.

Economic diversification, addressing our recreational areas, and increasing our overall employee morale are what I view as being top priority for our elected officials. We must look to other revenue streams, as casino profits are not what they used to be; recreational areas for our families are substandard and must be improved; and, we need to return to being an organization that people love working for. I invite you to contact me directly at rlburt79@gmail.com or to visit my Facebook page, Rachel L. Burt for Councilperson, to more thoroughly assess my ideas and hopes for our community, in addition to expressing what you believe Council priorities should be going forward.

Family that has come before me has had the privilege of representing our Tribe; continuing on with this legacy of public service is of great importance to me. I will actively contribute to the progress of our Tribe and this means that I will do much more than simply showing up to meetings and voting. I want nothing more than for our Tribe and people to be successful. If I were to be elected to the position of Councilperson, I would work every single day to make that a reality. Miigwetch.