

Aaní Gnootzhekaaning! My name is Beverly Carrick and I am seeking re-election on the Bay Mills Indian Community Executive Council in the seat as Secretary.

I am the daughter of the late Donald and Ellen Carrick, the oldest of five, Mother to seven Children and Bamma/Grandma to eleven Grandchildren!

I have worked for the Bay Mills Indian Community in some capacity since I was 14-years old - a Student Youth Worker; Secretary and then Executive Assistant to the President at the Bay Mills Community College for 10-years, as well as a BMCC student and obtaining my Associates Degree; the Chippewa Ottawa Resource Authority, of which Bay Mills is a member Tribe, the past 31 years and since 2019 as Secretary on the Bay Mills Indian Community Executive Council. I love Bay Mills and can't see myself anywhere else.

I am honored to be a Bay Mills Indian Community Member and living out my dream as a little girl to serve on the Tribal Council to help our Tribe flourish, to have services within our Community for now and future generations that we would otherwise have to go elsewhere and following in the footsteps of my Great Grandma Lucy Smith LeBlanc and Grandma Aggie LeBlanc Carrick by serving on Tribal Council.

Our Tribe has come a long way from when I was little, but there is still more to accomplish, and with your vote, I would like to continue to work on projects being envisioned such as a long term care facility to keep our Members home in Bay Mills; buying back land to expand the land-base of the Bay Mills Indian Community; development of much needed Housing for our elders, growing families or our single adults; continue growing our finances for now and future generations and build our Pow Wow Grounds with a permanent fixture (also planned to be used as a community facility for gatherings) for all in our Community and others to enjoy dance, song, the heartbeat of us all – the drum and of course the most important, Community/Family.