**BIO SHELLY CLAUS**
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I was born in Pembroke ON in 1962, the youngest of 9 brothers and sisters
I have 3 Metis family lines.
My fathers line is Montreuil-Kakwabit
My mothers line is Ferris-Good and McDonnell-McKay

I grew up in Northern Ontario in a small community. My parents taught me some of the Metis traditions that I still believe in and use today.
I am an avid harvester in region 5 (Mattawa)

I joined the Canadian Armed Forces in 1985 and served throughout Canada and abroad. This included a 6 month United Nations Peace Keeper tour in Israel and Syrian boarder during the Gulf War (1990-1991).
I was awarded 2 medals that I wear with pride. They are the United Peace Keepers medal and the Canadian Peace Keepers Service medal.
I took my release in 1995, serving 10 years as a tele-type operator.

I choose to re-enter the work force, securing a job with Ontario Lottery Gaming casino/slots. Hard work, leadership skills and loyalty resulted in my advancement to Supervisor and Shift manager. I was responsible for staff,budget,following policy and procedures,handling very large amounts of money and paying out jackpots.

I have been a member of the MNO since 2000 and have served in many positions during this 24 years.
I held positions on the Windsor Community Council (Counselor and Senator)
Held 2 position on the MNO Veterans Council (Women's Rep and Chair)
Held a position on IWAC (Indigenous Women's Advisory Committee) for women's issues.

I presently live in Windsor ON for the past 21 years.
I am married for 39 years and have 1 son who is 32 years old.
I am retired and now have the time to enjoy gardening,motorcycle riding,hunting and decorating.

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