Taanishi boon zhoor li zamii!

My name is Marie Liliane Ethier nee Dupuis. I am a proud registered MNO citizen born and raised in Haileybury, Ontario, along the shores of Lake Temiskaming.

My Métis community Council, the Temiskaming Métis Community Council (TMCC), is part of Region 3 which includes close relationships with Timmins, Chapleau and Cochrane Métis Councils. I was part of the foundation of the TMCC and Region 3 Consultation Committee where my husband of 53 years stood alongside me throughout all consultations with mining and forestry components including signatory of the first consultation agreement for the Métis Nation of Ontario with Detour Gold Mine.

My involvement including my whole family, with Métis Nation of Ontario, started in 2001 and in 2008 I became President of the TMCC and ran in that role for many years guiding the local Council and advocating for MNO staff positions, education and training opportunities for youth and their families, and leaving behind a vibrant and strong legacy passed on by TMCC members and their Council when our community celebrates the annual Métis harvest every year with a large gathering immersed in Métis culture and heritage. When I joined the MNO, I gained the courage to investigate my past like so many of you and those were challenging times for the Nation. Regardless of what was happening at MNO however, I always believed in the goals of building the Métis Nation in Ontario, I was proud of my heritage, this is why I continue my journey today as a PCMNO Senator guiding my children and grandchildren to learn, embrace and enjoy their Métis culture.

I've served on the following working groups for the MNO foster program, volunteered for the ELCC program as Elder and storyteller, participated in the Métis Language Initiative (MLI) and volunteered to teach the art of beading and Métis culture and heritage. As a PCMNO Senator, I was involved in many gatherings and meetings working with other Senators and PCMNO members creating and putting goals into action for the MNO.

Some of my past employment includes business administration, PSW, volunteer coordinator for the Temiskaming Lodge, Residential Counsellor, Bank Teller. I currently run and operate my own business, Natural Threadz Design where I sell beading, sewing and embroidery.

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