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For those who do know me, my name is Shane Taylor. I was born and raised in Curve Lake First Nation.

I am happily married to my wife, Tracey and have two beautiful daughters, Mckenzie and Kristin, who just recently celebrated her one year anniversary with Calvin.

I would like to thank my nominator and the seconder for their support and, to the community for coming out and taking the time to listen to the candidates for the upcoming 2014 Curve Lake First Nation Elections.

In 2012, I was honoured by being elected to become a councillor for Curve Lake First Nation. I have gained a tremendous amount of insight and knowledge over the past two years as councillor of Curve Lake First Nation.

Current portfolios that I chair, or co-chair include:

- Recreation
- Gaming Revenue Fund
- Youth Council
- Seniors Working Group
- Pow Wow

Before touching on the accomplishments that have been achieved in the past two years, I would first like to take a moment to thank all of the community volunteers. It is the support of the community, and the many hours that members, as well as staff and Councillors have dedicated that have ensured the success of the following activities.

The summer of 2013 was an exciting one, Curve Lake was put on the map by hosting the annual All Ontario Native Fastball Championship tournament. This tournament brought in over 30 teams in 5 divisions and thousands of people to the community. Behind the lines, funders and sponsorships were secured and more importantly, both of the Curve Lake ball diamonds received a face lift (lights, fencing, bleachers, equipment, etc.). Although it was a challenge to organize, it was well worth it in many ways; whether it be the friendships and relationship made with the various people in attendance, the support from the local businesses and organizations to the economic benefits from such a large event taking place in the community.

The Men's Fastball League, has been revived in our community. During the spring and summer months, much of my personal time is dedicated to managing the league,



maintaining the fields and of course, playing in the league. There has been a huge increase in the community involvement, with family and fans to come out and cheer on the teams. The women's league has also hit the field, although I have played no part in that league. It is important to note that all the members participating in and organizing these recreational activities are role models in our community and most importantly, to our children.

I was involved in the Learn to Skate and have fun program as well as a trainer for the annual Little Native Hockey League Tournament. There were over 30 children involved in the skating program, and 18 went on to represent Curve Lake First Nation in the Little NHL Tournament in March 2014.

With respect to the Gaming Revenue Fund, we have seen an increase of applications from individuals as well as departments and committees seeking funds to assist with various areas; Education, Health, Community, Culture and Economic Development.

The Pow Wow has always been a huge success in our community. However, we are now looking at ways to invest and become more sustainable. One example, was the purchase of the golf carts to lower future budget costs (Golf Carts assist in many ways at the Pow Wow and they were previously rented out annually from an outside source).

In all honestly, pulling together a Youth Committee has been rather challenging, due to their availability and/or interests. This being said, an exciting "canoe/camping trip" has been planned for this year in partnership with the Rotary Club. It is an opportunities for youth to gain knowledge of our land and waterways as well as to share and learn from non-First Nation youth.

In addition to the above mentioned, over the past term together Council as a Council and furthermore as a community, we have accomplished some significant milestones for Curve Lake First Nation from the settlement of the Islands of the Trent land claim, to the reaffirmation of the harvesting rights within Treaty 20 (1818 Treaty).

I have committed to and supported various programs that have led and /or will lead to the development of new infrastructure and programs that will meet the needs of our growing community.

It is my hope to serve on Council for another term to see through the work that has already been set in motion, as well as move towards new development, such as:

- New Seniors & Assisted Living Facility
- Education
- Water Treatment Facility
- Curve Lake First Nation Flooded Land Claim
- Outdoor Arena (for sports and community gatherings)
- Residential By-Laws
- Matrimonial Real Property rights

As a council member for the past two years, I feel that I have been accountable and transparent as well as accessible to members. I will continue to work hard at planning future and current needs of the First Nation. I will be available to all members to work towards community driven goals. I will ensure that sound investment are made that will contribute to a healthy community for our future generations.

I would like to thank my fellow Council members and Chief Williams, for all their work as well. It is a reflection of where Curve Lake First Nation is today.

I will continue to work tirelessly to achieve the goals of the community should I be re-elected.

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