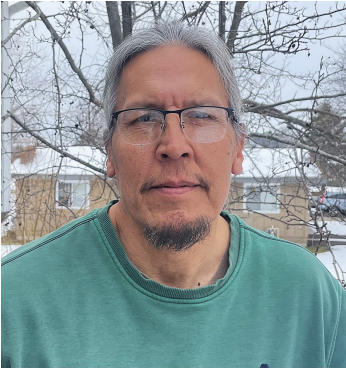


**LTBB Election Board Nonimation Application Form - SECTION 3**  
**CANDIDATE STATEMENT (Limit to 1 page)**  
**(This Section of Form Will Be Published on LTBB Website)**



Aanii LTBB Citizens,  
My name is David M. Harrington. My parents were Floyd and Carol Harrington. I have lived in Petoskey for the majority of my life. I'm running for Tribal Council for many reasons. The most important of them is to represent our tribe with dignity and be a voice for the individuals of our tribe. I will be focusing on utilizing resources to advance our tribe financially and address needs of citizens, specifically our youth, elders, and sovereignty. I was given the privilege and opportunity to serve on council several years ago. During my term I encountered many obstacles which included funding. As a tribe we were being drained financially between the casino loan and the reservation boundary lawsuit.

Today is a different story, with the lawsuit over and the casino paid off, there are more funds available to bring ideas to fruition. The casino business has changed due to covid and the variety of online casino style platforms allow gamblers to go elsewhere. Our casino still generates funds but it will never produce the kind of funds that will meet the needs of our tribe.

Our tribe has been stagnant to improve on and generate other business endeavors. There have been some attempts but nothing that has increased the bottom line. The few resources of additional revenue that we have generated has been nullified by the current leadership. As many of you are aware, we receive funds from the gross revenue of the marijuana businesses that operate on tribal lands. Those funds are not being used in any meaningful way. This brings us to the matter of truly understanding what sovereignty means. In its definition, the phrase that best describes my understanding is "the freedom from external control." The issue at hand is that current leadership has allowed external control from the federal government to influence and prevent us from using the funds. Sovereignty isn't just a word, it's a mindset that requires you to believe and exercise the empowerment granted to us through our treaty rights. If you give up that right of self governance, it becomes rather difficult to regain it.

I sat with several elders recently and had conversations on how much has changed with regards to our commitment to them in their late stages of life. We are doing the absolute minimum for them now compared to the prior years. We need to really focus our attention on improving our programs and services for them. Sitting down with them and asking what we can do moving forward. Then after hearing their concerns and ideas, act upon them in a real way to improve the lives of those that have but a few years remaining. Our elders should be able to live their later years with dignity, good healthcare, and relieved of the many struggles they face.

My final point to address is accountability. The past few years I have seen many of our citizens challenge the leadership in accounting for the many dollars spent or the many dollars not be accounted for by various business endeavors. While I was on council there was two very different methods of reporting. Previously, there was many closed sessions for legal and casino business, then after a change in council leadership we transitioned to closed session for only specific legal reasons. I definitely prefer and support the open and transparent method. My goal would be to work with other members of council to bring to light a full understanding of what is happening with all our various businesses and legal dealings, after all you are entitled to the truth as much as those that are elected.

I would be honored and humbled to have the opportunity to be one of nine to represent and work for the future of our tribe.

I kindly and respectfully ask for your vote to represent you in Tribal Council.  
Miigwetch,  
David M. Harrington

LTBB Election Board Nomination Application Form - SECTION 2  
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David M. Harrington

Petitioner's Name As It Should Appear On The Ballot

Petoskey

City & State of Residency

1. Work Experience:

Construction / Maintenance

Restaurant - Managerial

Retail Services

2. Educational Background:

High School Graduate

Some College - Not Completed

3. Traditional Cultural Experience/Knowledge, and/or Other Training, Certificates:

N/A -

I have participated in many various ceremonies over the years but not certified in cultural.

**4. Volunteer Experience, Special Skills and Abilities:**

NCMC Veterans Breakfast  
Prepare and Serve on Veterans Day

**5. Awards, Honors Received (cultural/colonial):**

**6. Describe Current and/or Previous Elected or Appointed Positions Held at LTBB or in Any Other Capacity, Government, or Organization (dates, titles, etc):**

Tribal Councilor 2015-2019

**7. If applicable, describe anticipated Campaign Information in Detail (Campaign Address, Email, Website, Social Media, Campaign Plan, Any Endorsements, etc):**