

Cheryl Fort  
Mayor, Hornepayne

Cheryl Fort is an Ojibwe woman from Northern Ontario, mother of three and the eldest daughter of Michael Fort and Josephine Ritch. Cheryl is currently the Mayor of Hornepayne. She is the first female and first Indigenous Mayor for the community. Cheryl is also the second Indigenous female Mayor to be elected in Ontario. Cheryl has an extraordinary appetite for community building and is always hunting down new information and best practices in this regard. Cheryl is committed to being transparent and accountable. She has written regularly in the local paper, has an active Facebook page with videos, a presence on LinkedIn, Twitter and Instagram.

Cheryl has worked as a waitress, cook, housekeeping staff, stay-at-home mom, secretary and bookkeeper. Currently, Cheryl is employed with Canadian National Railway as a Locomotive Engineer. She is in her 15th year with the railway.

Cheryl has taken her post secondary education through Distance Education first at the University of Windsor and currently at Athabasca University. Cheryl has taken two years of commerce and two years of general studies, focussing on communication. Currently she is enrolled in the Bachelor of Commerce Degree program.

Cheryl is an avid volunteer and has been volunteering consistently for the past 22 years. She has served on a variety of committees and boards. She is most proud of her accomplishments with the Santa Claus Christmas Party, the Library Board and her time on committees of council.

***“It is only working within a goal oriented and empowering environment do real accomplishments happen, both in outcomes and for the participants.” Cheryl Fort***

Cheryl is passionate about seeing people succeed and be the best that they can be. She believes that success is an unlimited quantity and it is there for the taking, people just need to believe that they CAN. Cheryl is a servant-leader and a strong advocate for empowering people to their fullest potential.