

## **Council Member Maulian Dana Smith Penobscot Nation**

Council Member Maulian Dana Smith was elected to a four-year term on the Penobscot Nation Tribal Council in September 2016. She grew up on Indian Island, Maine on the Penobscot Reservation and is the daughter of former Penobscot Nation Chief Barry Dana, who served from 2000-2004. Council Member Smith graduated from the University of Maine in Orono with a degree in political science in 2006. Prior to being elected to Council, she was the Human Resources Director for the Penobscot Indian Nation Enterprises (PINE). Before that she worked at the Penobscot Nation Cultural & Historic Preservation Department and as a substitute school teacher at the Nation's school. She is also the proud and loving mother of two daughters.

Council Member Smith is an outspoken advocate on the issue of derogatory mascots, and represented the tribe in 2015 before the school board for School Administrative District 54 to ask that Skowhegan High School drop their "Indian" mascot. Her other passion is finding ways to strengthen and expand programs that help to preserve and teach the customs and traditions of the Penobscot people.