



## **Kellie Danielle Morin**

### **Apprentice**

**Local 793 International Union of Operating Engineers  
Morrisburg, Ontario**

Kellie Morin is an Anishinaabe Kwe from Garden River First Nation, Ojibway Territory. She is currently attending training to start her apprenticeship as a heavy equipment operator for the Local 793 International Union of Operating Engineers. Kellie had the opportunity to be trained through the Operators Engineers Training Institute of Ontario, in Morrisburg. She is now able to confidently operate various types of heavy equipment, including the excavator and bulldozer. Kellie was fortunate to find an organization called Keepers of the Circle, which helps Indigenous women find careers and career advancement opportunities. Here, she learned about the Local 793 and the training at OETIO. Not only did they help her develop a plan to get to where she is today, but they helped her gain confidence and build self-esteem. Kellie is now well on her way to being successful in the trades and is excited to be an Indigenous woman in the skilled trades. She hopes to build more awareness of this career and see more women and First Nations people in this rewarding career in the future.