



June 26, 2018

A PLACE OF VISIONS AND DREAMS

Dear Community Members:

RE: "Coalition for Responsible Governance Survey"

It has come to the attention of Chief and Council that a "survey" on the leadership and management of Whitefish River First Nation was recently circulated to members by mail and has led to some confusion. Some of you have attempted to return your survey forms to the administration office. Please know that this survey was circulated by Ms. Marie McGregor Pitawanakwat without any knowledge or involvement of Council. Ms. Pitawanakwat is engaged in a legal dispute with Council. The survey that she prepared and circulated is not authorized by Chief and Council and does not follow the Whitefish First Nation Protocol for conducting an informed survey. This survey and its results will not have an effect on the good work done through our administration to improve our community.

If you have questions and concerns about your community, about its governance and stewardship of the resources that belong to all of us, or any of the questions raised in the "survey", please let us know. As your elected representatives, we all take our oath of office in service to this community very seriously. Chief and Council advocate for members' interests with Federal and Provincial Governments regularly to try to make improvements in areas of wellness, education, economic development, housing, infrastructure, and land claims. We all know these processes are slow and we share your frustrations as we do our best to overcome barriers to make lasting and positive community wide improvements. As we work, we also strive to provide information that allows members to make informed decisions about Chief and Council's policies. We encourage all members to provide their input in many ways, including through our community newspaper, community meetings, committee work, and community surveys and by writing to Chief and Council or our administration.

The best way to help us to serve you better is to take an active part in our community. For this reason, we especially invite you to support community events and functions. If you are not able to attend these functions, please feel free to visit with us at any time.

In Harmony

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