



July 17, 2020

Tl'azt'enne,

There is a rumor that I stepped down as Chief - this is not true. I took Tuesday and Wednesday off for my health and wellbeing.

My role and responsibilities to you is important to me. Now more than ever, in this global pandemic, I am committed to stand with you in these challenging times we face today. Being Chief is not about having a title; it is about hard work and caring for the people you are elected to serve.

As Chief and Council, we are expected to put aside our personal interests to fulfill the trust you put in us to work on your behalf. As Chief, I will honor the trust you placed in me.

On Monday, Council made the unjust decision to dismiss Renata as Executive Director, without a fair performance review process. I was left out of those discussions and that decision. Renata has made significant progress in fixing and improving many of the functions in the Administration, to move forward in a positive and meaningful way. I am saddened that Renata, Managers and Staff are made to struggle with the decision of Council; it has caused strife and uncertainty to the Administration of this Nation. The people that work for us deserve respect and to be treated fairly.

Election 2020

There is an election in August for 4 Council seats - Leslie Aslin and Amelia Stark for Tache and Simon John and Anita Joseph for Middle River. Lawrence Lewis from One Feather will be preparing information that will be distributed to the members, that will contain dates for nominations, accept/decline and voting day details. The normal voting practices might look different to meet the medical guidelines for COVID-19.

COVID-19 Budget

Many members have been requesting information on the money received from Indigenous Services Canada (ISC) for on-reserve financial support to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic. Attached is a summary of the money received and what the money was used for to support the response to the pandemic. Even though this money was designated for on-reserve members, the Community Response Team (C&C/Managers) supported the distribution of some of the funds to off-reserve members and extra financial support to Elders (65+) on and off-reserve. The need was great, and decisions were made to ensure we did what we could to support all the members. The money remaining in the budget will be used in the fall, for what the medical experts say will be the 'second wave'.

Drug and Alcohol addiction and awareness

Right now, we are facing a crisis with drug and alcohol addictions. The increased use of Meth is impacting our families and communities. We need to stand up against it to save and protect our people. We see what the pills, Meth and other hard drugs are doing to the health and wellbeing of our loved ones and the dysfunction it causes in our communities. Remember, you have the right to call the RCMP if you witness and know who is bringing in and selling hard drugs to our people. You can help to stop this by encouraging your loved ones to seek help; and showing love and kindness to those who are struggling with addiction. It is going to take the whole community to stand against this problem.

On Holiday

After 2 ½ years on this job, I have booked off July 27th week for some needed rest and to prepare for the Celebration of Life for our late brother Gordon.

Tl'azt'enne, in the times of struggle and uncertainty, we cannot turn on each other but turn to each other, and ask God for his guidance. In these uncertain times, prayer has brought me peace and hope.

May God bless you today and every day.

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TI'azt'en Nation
Indigenous Community Support
Budget to Actual

	06-Jul-20	GL ACCT	BUDGET	ACTUAL to June 30 2020	
Funding					
Initial Distribution - Covid 19 - ISC			78,188.00	78,188.00	
Final Distribution - Covid 19 - ISC			360,212.19	360,212.19	
			<u>438,400.19</u>	<u>438,400.19</u>	
Costs incurred to June 30, 2020					
Security					
- Middle River	8007		23,519.16	30,250.10	
- Tache Village	8009		79,515.54	70,796.83	
			<u>103,034.70</u>	<u>101,046.93</u>	
Coordinator					
- Middle River	8007		7,320.00	7,250.00	
- Tache Village	8009		9,150.00	13,620.00	
			<u>16,470.00</u>	<u>20,870.00</u>	
Advertising	8006		-	300.00	
Supplies	8005		7,160.00	16,613.31	
Travel	8002		-	1,382.44	
			<u>7,160.00</u>	<u>18,295.75</u>	
Member Support					
Chilako Meats	8004		27,000.00	25,650.00	meat packs
Elders support	8004		31,200.00	31,200.00	104 members x 300
Food hamper	8004		6,750.00	6,716.09	
Off reserve gift cards	8004		25,000.00	25,000.00	
Off reserve gift cards	8004		10,000.00	10,000.00	
On reserve gift cards	8004		20,250.00	20,345.00	
			<u>120,200.00</u>	<u>118,911.09</u>	
TOTAL COST INCURRED TO JUNE 30 2020			<u>246,864.70</u>	<u>259,123.77</u>	agrees to GL totals
REMAINING BALANCE OF FUNDING JUNE 30 2020			191,535.49	179,276.42	
Projects Outstanding					
Middle River					
Ambulance station conversion			20,000.00	20,000.00	
Community engagement and preparedness			10,000.00	10,000.00	
Signage and barriers			10,000.00	10,000.00	
Emergency coordinator			20,000.00	20,000.00	
Internet			5,000.00	5,000.00	
Committee expenses			5,000.00	5,000.00	
Tache					
Storage - Dome and concrete pad			30,000.00	30,000.00	
Community engagement and preparedness			20,000.00	20,000.00	
Emergency coordinator			60,000.00	60,000.00	
Signage and barriers			25,000.00	25,000.00	
Committee expenses			5,000.00	5,000.00	
			<u>210,000.00</u>	<u>210,000.00</u>	
BUDGET SHORTFALL			<u>-18,464.51</u>	<u>-30,723.58</u>	