

August 20, 2020

Tl'azt'enne,

### Election 2020

Attached is an updated list of nominees for 2 Tache Councillors and 2 Middle River Councillors.

- Nomination Period is now over
- Deadline to Accept or Decline your nomination is August 21st by 4:30 PM
- Deadline to submit a Criminal Record Check (CRC) or receipt as proof you requested a CRC is August 23<sup>rd</sup> by 4:30 PM
- Deadline to submit a repayment plan for any debt owing to Tl'azt'en Nation is August 23<sup>rd</sup> by 4:30 PM
- Electronic Voting is August 24<sup>th</sup> and August 25<sup>th</sup>
- Polling stations in Tache, Fort St James and Prince George are open on August 25<sup>th</sup> from 9 AM to 8 PM

Tl'azt'enne, this is the first time, aside from the Binche De-Amalgamation vote, that Tl'azt'en has used a company to do our elections. It had its challenges, and of course, doing things differently meant it caused frustration for some of you and a lot of additional effort on our part. We did our best to work remotely with One Feather, to create a meaningful election process for you.

Questions were raised about only those who self-identify as Middle River (MR), can nominate for MR seats. In the July 15, 2019 AGA, a motion was passed that all Tl'azt'enne can vote for the MR seats, but it did not say that only MR can nominate for MR seats. On the nominee list, all MR nominees were nominated by Tache members. The motion was intended to create unity between the communities, during elections. For this election, the nomination list will stand as there is no clear guidance on this issue. Remember, that all Tl'azt'enne can now vote for all the seats. There were also questions of each person only being able to nominate and second once. Unfortunately, the nomination form created by One Feather did not explain this clearly for members. The nomination period is now over, and the nomination list will stand.

To restart the election now to address the above process issues, puts Tl'azt'en Nation at incredible risk. With only 4 active C&C seats there is no quorum and no ability to conduct important business of the Nation. Any delay in the election, puts us in a vulnerable position.

For more information, go to website: onefeather.ca/nations/tlazten

#### Annual General Assembly 2020

The AGA is scheduled for August 27 & 28 and is going to look a lot different than in previous years. Due to COVID-19, these are the guidelines for the 2020 AGA:

- Following the Provincial Health guidelines, any public gatherings must remain at a maximum of 50 people. No exceptions.
- Only 18+ and no children will be allowed.
- Agenda for both days will be the same. A person can only attend 1 of the 2 days, to allow maximum capacity for as many Tl'azt'enne to participate.
- Your health and safety remain top priority; everyone will be required to use a mask and gloves, throughout the day.
- If necessary, the AGA will be cancelled

Attempting to gather people in a public place is risky, proper safety measures have been considered but we need your full cooperation. This means do not attend if you are feeling sick and be kind to our security personnel if you have to get turned away because we reached the 50-person capacity for the gym. Inzana Consulting (Jessica Erickson) will be doing Live Streaming on Zoom, for all members on and off-reserve. More details to follow

### COVID-19

Tl'azt'enne we ask you to remain vigilant. The positive COVID cases are going up in BC. If you are feeling sick - coughing, a fever, sore throat - please stay home and self-isolate. If you suspect you have COVID, 'get tested. As well, please stop sharing marijuana joints, cigarettes and bottles with each other - you are sharing droplets with each other; and putting yourself and others at risk.

### Conclusion

Tl'azt'en is 4<sup>th</sup> on the list to receive fish from the Lake Babine Nation (LBN) fish fence. With low numbers of returning salmon, LBN is still prioritizing their members. Witset (Moricetown) was also contacted and we are waiting on a reply. The returning salmon is very low on the Fraser and Skeena runs this year. We need our Prayer Warriors; I truly believe that God will provide and replenish the stocks.

Tl'azt'enne, our reality has changed so much. In these challenging times, we need to remember to be kind to each other with our words and actions. Remember to turn to each other for support; we need each other more than ever. Prayer and Faith in God is important. Stay strong and courageous.

May God bless you. Soo anawndleh

## TL'AZT'EN NATION REVISED - PRELIMINARY CANDIDATES LIST

Notice is hereby given that the Tl'azt'en Nation has called an Election for the purpose of electing four (4) Councillors – composed of two(2) Tache and two (2) Middle River positions - to Chief & Council for the next ensuing term of office ending in August 2024.

### SUBJECT TO CHANGE – BASED ON CANDIDATES SUBMITTING REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION

NOMINEE	NOMINATOR	SECONDER
Alexis, Louisa	Mina Holmes	Stephanie Holmes
Alexis, Bruce	Norman Alexis	Esais Johnnie
Alexis, Burton	Bruce Alexis	Esais Johnnie
Alexis, Norman	Bruce Alexis	Esais Johnnie
Anatole, Bobby	Gordon Anatole	Rebecca Pierre
Anatole, Norman	Gordon Anatole	Rebecca Pierre
Aslin, Chasity	Noella Mattess	Bianca Michell
Aslin, Leslie	Bianca Michell	Wayde Michell
Dominic, Ruby	Moise Mattess	Kimberly Johnnie
Erickson, Stephanie	Esais Johnnie	Georgina Alexis
Felix, Wilburn	. Alex Pierre	Jolene Felix
Haskell, Darren	Esais Johnnie	Georgina Alexis
John, Edward	Mina Holmes	Stephanie Holmes
Joseph, Conrad	Bonita Holland	Gordon Anatole
Joseph, Geraldine	Georgina Alexis	Farrah Alexis
Joseph, Charlie	Ron Mattess	Margaret Mattess
Joseph, Jermain	Teddy Johnnie	Chrystal Basil
Mattess, Don	Georgina Alexis	Farrah Alexis
Mattess, Diana	Georgina Alexis	Farrah Alexis
Mattess, Elijah	Bruce Alexis	Esais Johnnie
Mattess, Margaret	Esais Johnnie	Georgina Alexis
Monk, Derek	Esais Johnnie	Georgina Alexis
Pierre, Alex	Mina Holmes	Stephanie Holmes
Rivard, Chris	Alex Pierre	Jolene Felix
Robert, Nicole	Bruce Alexis	Esais Johnnie
Stark, Amelia	Paul Anatole	
Tom, Fabian	Norman Alexis	Darcy Isadore
Winser, Donaven	Bianca Michell	Esais Johnnie Wayde Michell

For more information or assistance please contact:

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NOMINEES FOR THE OFFICE OF COUNCILLOR - MIDDLE RIVER			
NOMINEE	NOMINATORS	. SECONDER	
John, Simon	Noella Mattess	Bianca Michell	
John, Vincent	Gordon Anatole	Rebecca Pierre	
Joseph, Anita	Mina Holmes	Stephanie Holmes	
Monk, John	Gordon Anatole	Rebecca Pierre	

**TAKE NOTICE:** that in accordance with the custom of the Tl'azt'en Nation and resolution by the membership, staff members of the Tl'azt'en Nation are not eligible to sit on Council. If you are an employee and have been nominated and wish to stand as a candidate, you must resign from your position in the event that you are elected. Please contact the electoral officer for more information if you are an employee of the Tl'azt'en Nation and wish to run as a candidate.

### A NOMINEE WHO WISHES TO STAND AS A CANDIDATE MUST SUBMIT TO THE ELECTORAL OFFICER:

- a) Complete Acceptance Form which is available electronically at the website at the bottom of this page BY 4:30PM FRIDAY AUGUST 21<sup>st</sup>, 2020; and
- b) A Criminal Records Check that is not older than six (6) months. Candidates may obtain a Criminal Records Check at the local RCMP detachment or online at <a href="https://mycrc.ca/BY 4:30 PM SUNDAY AUGUST 23rd">https://mycrc.ca/BY 4:30 PM SUNDAY AUGUST 23rd</a>, 2020 via email or in person at a polling station. Please contact the electoral officer if you, have requested a Criminal Record Check and may not receive the document by the deadline.

**TAKE FURTHER NOTICE:** that all candidates must be in good financial standing. Any candidate who is not in good financial standing with the Nation and who has not entered into a repayment plan of any outstanding debt will not be eligible to stand as a candidate in the 2020 election. If a debt is owed to the Nation that is not in good standing, a candidate must show the electoral officer a Nation approved repayment plan **BY 4:30PM SUNDAY AUGUST 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2020**.

Given under my hand at Victoria, British Columbia, this 18th day of August, 2020

M. Hajash,

Nicole Hajash,

Electoral Officer

For more information or assistance please contact:

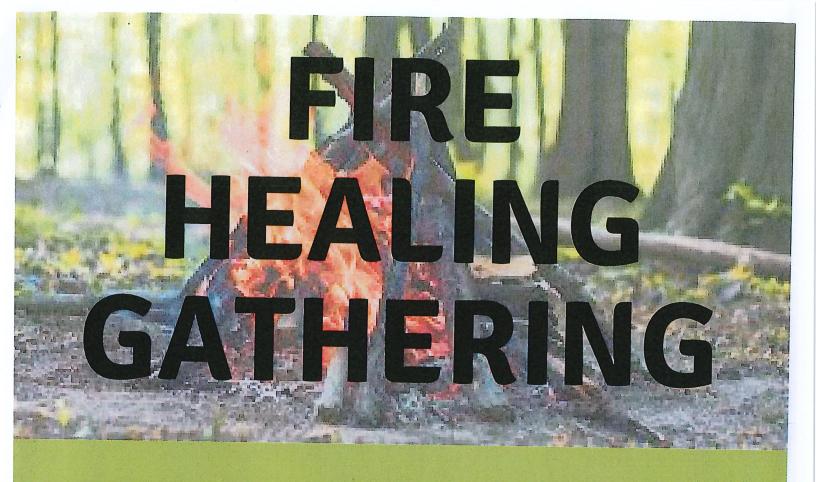
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FRIDAY, AUGUST 21, 2020 9:30AM - 3PM

HOSTED BY: JOLENE PRINCE +
MELANIE LANSALL

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CALL TO RESERVE YOUR SPOT.





WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 26, 2020 9:30AM - 3PM

HOSTED BY: VINCE PRINCE +
MELANIE LANSALL

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