

Tsuut'ina Nation XÁKÚJÁGHÁ · CHIEF AND COUNCIL

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September 15, 2020

CHIEF AND COUNCIL MOTION

Whereas Chief and Council of the Tsuut'ina Nation have been duly elected pursuant to the provisions of the Chief and Council Electoral Code and are empowered to act on behalf of the citizens of the Tsuut'ina Nation;

And whereas Chief and Council of the Tsuut'ina Nation have met in a quorum at a duly convened meeting held on September 15, 2020;

And whereas by motion, and seconded and carried, it be resolved:

As of the date hereof, all hunting, fishing and harvesting by non-Nation Citizens shall be prohibited, unless permitted by Chief and Council in writing. Violators shall be prosecuted to the full extent of the law. This decision shall be communicated to Nation Citizens with an explanation as to why this decision has been made.

8 in Favor

4 Excused

Question Called

Motion Carried

Council Member Steven Crowchild, Chief and Council September 2020 Chairperson

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Chief and Council

Finance

Terry Braun, General Legal Counsel

Jerry Simon, Chief Executive Officer Leslie Wells-Starlight, Asst. Chief Executive Officer

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***** NOTICE *****

Summary:

Over the past few years there has been an increase in complaints of hunting, fishing and harvesting of Non-Nation citizens on reserve lands.

Chief and Council has discussed the different options to address these complaints:

- Non-Citizens have been overhunting and in some cases poaching has been reported on Nation Lands;
- The increase in the number of new homes throughout the Reserve has created safety concerns;
- There have been situations where non-Citizens have been caught hunting on Reserve without a Nation Citizen present and stated they were given permission by a Nation Citizen. Individual Nation Citizens cannot give this type of permission under the *Trespass Law*, as only Chief and Council can invite non-Citizens onto Nation lands for this purpose;
- Nation Lands have been set aside for the use and benefit of Nation Citizens, which is why
 Chief and Council is taking the position that non-Citizens should not be able to access
 Nation lands for hunting, fishing and harvesting;
- Chief and Council acknowledges that there are non-Citizens who do hunt, fish and harvest
 to support a Nation household. In those situations Chief and Council may be willing to
 grant an exemption to its September 15, 2020 Motion, on a case-by-case basis. However,
 any interested parties must meet with the Nation and be given written authorization by
 the Nation, before using Nation lands to hunt, fish or harvest.

Resolutions:

- Tosguna have been directed to issue charges under the *Trespass Act* and the *Criminal Code* to all non-Citizens who are suspected of hunting, fishing and harvesting on Nation Lands, without authorization from Chief and Council;
- Appointments for exemptions must be made in writing through the office of the Nation's Chief Executive Officer;
- An information session will take place on October 23, 2020 in Chief and Council Chambers, and will also be livestreamed for those Nation Citizens who cannot attend in person due to COVID19;
- Any Nation Citizens who have feedback or concerns can direct their concerns to Tanis One Spot – Executive Director, Lands.