June 14, 2024

Re: Concerns for Election Fraud

Attn: Chief June Black, Resident Councillor Dave Babin, Resident Councillor Rachel Chokomolin, Resident Councillor Paul McKenzie, Resident Councillor Shawna Mallette, Resident Elder Councillor Betty Singer, Resident Youth Councillor Chelsea Tremblay, and Registered Members of Apitipi Anicinapek Nation.

I am writing to address the pressing concerns regarding election fraud and corruption within our community. It is of utmost importance that we ensure a fair and transparent election process, with proper oversight to uphold the integrity of our election processes.

One critical step towards achieving a fair election is the appointment of an electoral officer by the elected council during a properly convened council meeting. It is imperative that this process is free from any undue influence, particularly from individuals with vested interests in the outcome of the election. Hence, the removal of any individuals, including Chief June Black, who have already begun campaigning for re-election, as well as their family members, from these meetings is essential to prevent potential election fraud.

Furthermore, the council must diligently seek out a third-party electoral officer with professional qualifications and impartiality. The chosen electoral officer should have no personal or professional stakes in the outcome of the election for the elected chief position, ensuring their neutrality and commitment to a fair electoral process.

Once the electoral officer is appointed, it is crucial that they promptly post notices for the nomination meeting, advanced polling, and election day. This transparency and communication with the community will foster trust and confidence in the electoral process.

I urge the registered members and elected council members to take action in promoting a fair and just election for the benefit of our community and the democratic values we hold dear.

Respectfully,

Joel Bear Babin

Registered Member

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