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Open letter to membership on behalf of Nasu?kin and Council

Re: Timber Specific Claim- Band Meeting Motion-2024 Community Referendum

At the November 20th, 2023, ?aqam band meeting, membership discussed the Timber Specific Claim. Several suggestions that were brought forward, including a per capita distribution to membership. As a result of this community discussion, a motion was made. The following motion was called for question, with points raised for and against it. In the end, this motion was agreed upon by a majority of community members who were in attendance in-person and on Zoom:

Directing ?aqam Nasu?kin and Council to conduct a vote to determine if there is support to distribute the Timber Specific Claim funds on a per capita basis and what the percentage will be. Further that, Nasu?kin and Council will follow through on results of that vote immediately thereafter.

Moved by Troy Sebastian, Seconded by Shelly Sebastian.

Following the principles of ?aqamnik qanikit?i, we are all strong when we work together, Nasu?kin and Council have carefully considered the community discussion and the recommendation of membership as outlined in the motion to decide how to proceed on this issue. Nasu?kin and Council have decided that **a community referendum will take place in 2024.**

This referendum will inform membership about the details of the Timber Specific Claim and settlement offer to determine:

- (1) Whether there is support for a per capita distribution to membership.
- (2) If there is support for per capita distribution, what percentage of the Timber Specific Claim funds should be paid out to membership.

Nasu?kin and Council decided that the 2024 referendum will be conducted by an external entity. As such, there will be a call for tenders issued soon.

Nasu?kin and Council will soon update membership regarding the processes, dates, and times of the 2024 referendum, notably the dates of public consultation meetings aimed at better informing membership about the Timber Specific Claim funds.

Best regards,


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