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Election changes due to State of Emergency – March 24, 2020

The LSLB Chief and Council declared a State of Emergency on March 23, 2020 in response to the ongoing Covid-19 virus pandemic. Our Communicable Disease Emergencies (CDE) Pandemic Team is diligently working to follow our Pandemic Plan to ensure the safety of our community and staff. Last week, we moved to the provision of essential services only until April 6, 2020. It is highly likely that this reduction in services and the required “social distancing” will extend beyond April 6, 2020.

To remove the immediate hazards that would be placed upon band membership by congregating for the purposes of a nomination meeting and a subsequent election, Kukpi7 Oliver Arnouse and Councillor Aaron Arnouse have made the decision to postpone the upcoming Council election for 2 months. Input for this decision was sought from Indigenous Services Canada (ISC).

A new Notice of Nomination Meeting will be posted by our electoral officer, OneFeather (see: www.OneFeather.ca) that announces the details of our **new election date of July 25, 2020** and the dates of June 3, 2020 and June 10, 2020 for Candidate Application packages and Nomination Meeting respectively.

It should be noted that this is an extraordinary measure brought about solely for the purpose of protecting our membership from the Covid-19 virus. Events and guidance related to preserving the safety of our membership from this pandemic change on a daily basis and as such, a further postponement may be necessary.

Once the election is completed, LSLB will confer with the Elections Committee and membership for the purpose of updating the 2017 Election Regulation to address the omission of the election changes necessitated for a pandemic or other emergency situation.

Thank you for your patience.

Kukpi7 Oliver Arnouse