



VUNTUT GWITCHIN GOVERNMENT

Government of Vuntut Gwitchin First Nation

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Vuntut Gwitchin Government Officials Call By-Election

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This week Esau Schafer and Katriel Villacorta provided notice of resignation from their positions as Councillors of the Vuntut Gwitchin First Nation (“VGFN”) resulting in vacancies on the Council. VGFN’s Constitution and 2020 Interim Elections Act provide for VGFN’s election laws, including the requirement for General Elections to be held every 4 years with the next such General Election scheduled to occur on November 21, 2022. Under the Constitution, if a vacancy occurs on Council with more than 6 months remaining until the next regularly scheduled General Election then the vacancy must be filled through a By-Election.

In accordance with the Constitution and the laws of VGFN, and with the support of the Elders Council, a By-Election will therefore be conducted by VGFN to address the vacancies on Council.

Chief Tizya-Tramm and Deputy Chief Rispin remain steadfast in their positions and look forward to working with the new Council members after the By-Election.

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