



# Hó Ney Ra "small stories"

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## MESSAGE FROM CHIEF AND COUNCIL



Chief Darin Isaac, Elder Councillor Amy Johnny, Youth Councillor Cody Sims, Crow Councillor Carmen Lee Baker, Crow Councillor Ashley Edzerza, Wolf Councillor Morris Morrison, Wolf Councillor Jeremy Harper

### *Inye Dochi (How are you) Selkirk Citizens,*

We would like to begin by thanking all Citizens who voted in our election. It was a different kind of election since we could only vote by mail-in ballots, however sixty percent (60%) of eligible SFN electors voted. That is impressive

and demonstrates your commitment to our government. Please know that we will represent and serve ALL SFN Citizens to the best of our ability.

When a new Council is elected it is important to have a transition and

orientation period. This means getting updated; meeting for many days with the previous Council in order to have a clear picture of our government's initiatives, projects, programs, services and

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finances. It takes time to understand this information. Being a responsible and accountable government means being informed before making any decisions.

Our Council was sworn in on May 11, 2020. Since then, we have attended to administrative paperwork to set up signing authority for the new Council, reviewed Council's Roles and Responsibilities, reviewed the Nation's financial picture, and reviewed core governance functions of the nation. During these briefings we have received updates from the previous Council. We are now in the process of meeting with each SFN department to obtain a complete understanding of their workload.

These meetings are crucial for our Council. They help us make better decisions and help us set mandates,

goals and priorities. It is important to identify priorities and set goals for our government. At the beginning of June, Council will be setting goals and priorities for their term in office. These will give us the guidance that we need to be able to better serve you.

It is important for us to start meeting with the Elders and Citizens as soon as we can, however, for over two months now, we have been in a new reality: the COVID-19 reality. We've had to change how we work; how we interact with each other; how we shop for groceries; how we take care of our Elders, and even how we teach our children. It has been a stressful time. We are not out of the woods yet therefore we need to continue to follow the Yukon Chief Medical Officers recommendations. As soon we are able to set up a safe method of communicating with the

Elders and Citizens, we will commence our meetings to talk about developing a mandate with clear goals and priorities for our Government.

We want to thank all those who helped through this very difficult time: former Chief and Council, staff, volunteers, and other professionals in their fields.

We also want to thank you, Citizens, for supporting and being patient with us as we assume our new leadership roles. It takes time to get "up to speed" and we want to have all the information available so we can provide the best possible Leadership for our nation.

Again, thank you for your patience and understanding! We will continue to communicate with you regularly as we move forward.

Mussi,

### **Chief Darin Isaac**

**Carmen Baker**, *Crow Councillor*

**Ashley Edzerza**, *Crow Councillor*

**Jeremy Harper**, *Wolf Councillor*

**Morris Morrison**, *Wolf Councillor*

**Amy Johnny**, *Elder Councillor*

**Cody Sims**, *Youth Councillor*

## **SFN GOVERNMENT OFFICES REMAIN**

## **CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC**

Some SFN Staff are working at the government offices, while practicing physical distancing, and some staff are working at home.

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