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News Release

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Andy Carvill removed as Khà Shâde Héni for the Government of Carcross/Tagish First Nation: By-election called

CARCROSS – This past weekend (March 30 and 31) a meeting of the General Council was reconvened at the Learning Centre. The result of this meeting was that Andy Carvill would be removed as Khà Shâde Héni – this decision was reached by consensus of all six Clans.

The main item on the General Council agenda, which was presented to all General Council Members and Citizens in attendance, was the Carcross/Tagish First Nation Independent Investigation report.

The Independent Investigation determined that these allegations of sexual harassment, perpetrated by Andy Carvill in the workplace, were credible. Members of the General Council were made aware of this finding, and were provided with a chance to review the private investigation report. As Citizens of the community and as decision makers for C/TFN, no one supports such behaviour.

As per the Carcross/Tagish First Nation Constitution, if a Khà Shâde Héni is removed from office, a by-election is called. This past weekend, the General Council Members made the decision to move forward with a by-election. It should be noted that the actual term of the Khà Shâde Héni would have ended in May 2020; therefore, the new leader will only serve until that time, when a regular election will be called. Once we have details for the by-election, we will share those with the community at the earliest opportunity.

Deputy Haa Shaa du Hen Maria Benoit remains the main spokesperson for C/TFN.

We ask for full respect for our nation as we address these difficult issues and continue forward on our healing process as a government and community.

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