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**Carcross/Tagish First Nation Executive Council appoints new Deputy Haa Shaa du Hen (Chief)**

CARCROSS; At a regular Executive Council meeting yesterday (February 7<sup>th</sup> 2019), the C/TFN Executive Council appointed by consensus the new Deputy Haa Shaa du Hen (Chief). Maria Benoit, from the Deisheetaan Clan (split tail Beaver, crow moiety) is in the office this morning and will be the main spokesperson for the government.

As per the Constitution of the Carcross/Tagish First Nation, under section 11.9; “The Council, by consensus, shall appoint one of the representatives of the Council to the office of Deputy Haa Shaa du Hen. The powers of the Deputy Haa Shaa du Hen shall be prescribed by Council. The Deputy Haa Shaa du Hen shall serve a term no longer than four years from the date of selection. The Council will strive to appoint a Deputy Haa Shaa du Hen of the opposite moiety of the elected Haa Shaa du Hen.”

Maria Benoit has been on Executive Council for a decade now but her dedication with the Carcross/Tagish First Nation government goes back further. In 2002 and 2003 Maria was the contractor for referendum and ratification vote for self-government. Maria Benoit worked as the Executive Assistant, Governance Manager for the Governance Department, Director for the Health and Wellness and for the Capacity Development Departments.

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