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Ḥaw̓iiḥ Council

Tuesday, March 7, 2017

To Huu-ay-aht Citizens,

**Re: Removal of Victor Williams (Waiḥeyakchik) from the Ḥaw̓iiḥ Council**

The Ḥaw̓iiḥ Council met this morning to consider a very serious matter. I am writing on behalf of the Ḥaw̓iiḥ to share our decision with all our citizens.

We are very concerned that one of the Ḥaw̓iiḥ, Victor Williams (Waiḥeyakchik), has not been conducting himself in accordance with our core principles of ḡisaak, ḡuuḡaḷuk, and hiṣuk ma ḇawak. We cannot condone Victor's behaviour and, after careful consideration and discussion we have decided to remove him from the Ḥaw̓iiḥ Council indefinitely.

This is not an easy decision to have to make. However, as your hereditary leaders, the Ḥaw̓iiḥ must be held to the highest standard in upholding the values and principles of our people. Victor has not upheld those standards. In order for the rest of the Council to do so, we must take appropriate action in response.

Effective immediately, Victor will no longer have any role in the Huu-ay-aht government and he will not sit with the Ḥaw̓iiḥ Council.

We will be holding a community feast on Saturday March 11, 2017 to further address this matter. Details will be announced soon.

Yours truly,

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