



LITTLE RED RIVER CREE NATION

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To: **The Residents of Little Red River Cree Nation (LRRCN)**

I am writing to you today to explain to you how the structure works under the State of Local Emergency (SOLE) when we deal with situations about Covid-19, floods, and fires within or around LRRCN. We, as the Emergency Management Team (EMT) alongside all Chief and Council (C & C) Members, make decisions as a group. I, as the Director of Emergency Management for LRRCN, CANNOT make decisions alone without consulting our EMT and C&C. The Chief does not make decisions on his own without consulting the **TEAM** and everyone is always included in the conversation that affect the people of LRRCN. We work within the foundation of WAHKOHTOWIN, which is inclusive of everyone and this teaching our Chief has always reminded us in all our meetings. That we are all human beings. That we are all related. That we are no greater or lesser than anyone else. That we must treat everyone with RESPECT, regardless of their race, and religion.

There were certain decisions that were made in Fox Lake by certain council members without consultation, to close the operation of the nation barge. I strongly advised them not to do that. I spoke to them about the rights of the people and in addition, as it states in our treaty, also advised them we do not want to infringe on individual human rights. I told them we cannot close operation of the barge as people have the right to go out hunting, and grocery shopping, as it states on the Treaty "In case of hunger all gates shall be opened".

We are one nation. it is not Fox Lake, John D'or or Garden River, it is **Little Red River Cree Nation**.

I also want you to know if someone says it is Dwayne that makes decisions the answer is NO; I do not make decisions on my own I always consult the team first. If anyone wants to know how the organizational structure works, please feel free call me at (780) 759-2003.

Thank you for your time,

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