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VUNTUT GWITCHIN FIRST NATION

COUNCIL RESOLUTION 11-15-2023 – #63

RE: Unauthorized cabin construction km 414 Dempster highway

WHEREAS:

- A. A log cabin and dog house has been discovered near km 414 on the west side of the Dempster Highway;
- B. This cabin was constructed by a non-VGFN citizen on lands traditionally used by members of the Van Tat, Dagoo, and Teet'it Gwich'in, and in the VGFN Traditional Territory;
- C. No permission has been given for this cabin construction from VGFN or Yukon Government;
- D. VGFN has the right to self-determination, including:
 - (1) the inherent right to self-government;
 - (2) the right to be secure in our enjoyment of our means of subsistence and development;
 - (3) the right to maintain and strengthen our distinct physical, spiritual, cultural and economic relationship to the Traditional Territory, and to uphold our responsibilities to future generations in this regard;
 - (4) the right to the conservation and protection of the environment and the productive capacity of the Traditional Territory; and
 - (5) the right to the recognition, observance and enforcement of VGFN's inherent and treaty rights and responsibilities recognized and protected under the Final Agreement and Self-Government Agreement.
- E. The Constitution of the VGFN provides that our fundamental objectives include:
 - (1) to have authority in respect of communities and lands of VGFN;
 - (2) to promote and enhance the general welfare of VGFN;
 - (3) to promote, enhance and protect the history, culture, values, traditions and rights of VGFN;

(4) to promote respect for the ancestral homeland of VGFN including the natural resources; and

(5) to use, manage, administer and regulate the lands of VGFN including the natural resources.

F. Council has the duty and power under the Constitution to do such things as may be necessary to fulfill the fundamental objectives of the VGFN.

THEREFORE THE COUNCIL OF THE VUNTUT GWITCHIN FIRST NATION RESOLVES THAT:

1. The builder of the unauthorized structures remove said structures from the west side of the Dempster Highway as soon as is practical.
2. Should the builder refuse to remove said structures, that VGG work with the Yukon Government Department of Energy, Mines, and Resources to energetically enforce the Dempster Highway Development Area Regulations to remove said structures.
3. VGFN support the Yukon Government in cabin removal with the support of the RCMP if necessary

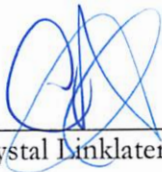
THIS RESOLUTION being duly approved by a quorum of the Council at a meeting duly convened on November 15, 2023 at Old Crow, Yukon.

(absent)



Chief Pauline Frost

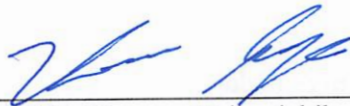
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Councillor Crystal Linklater



Councillor Harold Frost Jr.



Councillor Vernon Kyikavichik