

PUBLIC NOTICE – APPOINTMENT OF APPEAL BOARD

TAKE NOTICE that the Elders' Caucus of the White River First Nation ("WRFN" or "**Nation**") wishes to provide an update to the WRFN community regarding the most recent election for WRFN Chief and Council and the next steps in the Appeal process as set out in the WRFN Custom Election Code ("**Election Code**").

The Elders' Caucus received five (5) Notices of Appeal regarding the results of the most recent election for Chief and Council. The Elders' Caucus subsequently determined that each of the Notices of Appeal met the requirements set out in section 9.7 of the Election Code and on November 14, 2025, posted an Expression of Interest for Candidates who wished to sit on the Appeal Board that will consider and decide each of the Notices of Appeal.

After evaluating the responses received, the Elders' Caucus has appointed the following individuals to the WRFN Appeal Board in accordance with sections 9.10 and 9.11 of the Election Code:

- **Hayden McHugh;**
- **Rosemarie Blair Smith;** and
- **Jessica Lott Thompson**

The members of the Appeal Board will be responsible for reviewing the Notices of Appeal, any written responses received from candidates and the Electoral Officer, and all other relevant information, and will decide whether the results of the election should be upheld or set aside.

In carrying out our duties under the Election Code, it has come to the Elders' Caucus' attention that some candidates and the Electoral Officer may not have received proper notice of the Elders' Caucus' decision that

each of the five Notices of Appeal we received met the requirements set out in the Election Code. We sincerely apologize for this oversight and any potential confusion it has caused.

In order to correct this error, the Appeal Board will be contacting all of the individuals that filed Notices of Appeal, the candidates and the Electoral Officer **the week of January 5, 2025**, and will be providing instructions clarifying the deadline by when candidates and the Electoral Officer may submit written responses to the Notices of Appeal as well as the broader Appeal process going forward. If you have any questions regarding the Notices of Appeal, the Appeal Board or the Appeal process, we would ask that you direct those questions to WRFNAppealBoard@gmail.com.

It has been an honour to serve the WRFN community and we look forward to a resolution of the Appeal process that supports our community's democracy and upholds the values set out in the Election Code.

Sincerely,

WRFN Elders' Caucus