



Heiltsuk Tribal Council

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Statement on Lateral Violence and False Allegations of Mismanagement

Dear Members,

The Heiltsuk Tribal Council (HTC) has noticed a troubling number of social media posts and in-person comments from a member, occurring nearly daily.

These communications include verbal abuse and false claims, constituting lateral violence that negatively impacts our staff and elected councillors, who are dedicated to serving our community and upholding effective governance.

It is our collective responsibility to confront and address bullying, abuse, and harassment. Our community must make it clear that such behavior is unacceptable.

Regarding False Allegations

Concerning the false allegations of mismanagement, we are pleased to report that our recent Audited Financial Statements for the period ending March 31, 2024, have received another clean report from Reid, Hurst, and Nagy, Chartered Professional Accountants. This audit, which included tests for fraud and management overrides, found no issues.

The accountants noted that our finance team was well-prepared and supportive, allowing us to complete and submit the audit to Indigenous Services Canada (ISC) on time and in line with our funding agreement.

Moving Forward Together

Transparency remains a core value for our council. We are committed to engaging with all members to address their concerns, but we will not tolerate behavior that makes our staff and councillors feel unsafe within our community.

Haítzaqv calls us to act and speak correctly as human beings. We must unite against unacceptable behavior while continuing to listen, respect differences, and seek common ground.

For additional information, please schedule an appointment with Heiltsuk Tribal Council at: communications@heiltsuk.ca

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