



Binche Whut'en

May 25, 2026

Community Letter from Chief Anthony Jopse

Elder Councillor Sebastian Anatole and Chief Anthony Jopse attended at the Binche Whut'en Administration Office where Barry Duncan, Nathan Seymour, and Peggy Murdock were present in relation to the ongoing protest activities. The purpose of their attendance was to address concerns and statements that had been circulating within the community and to seek clarification directly from the individuals involved. Barry Duncan had previously been provided multiple opportunities to raise concerns and indicated that he had no further questions.

Specifically, Elder Councillor Sebastian Anatole sought clarification regarding a statement made by Nathan Seymour, namely: *"serve him before he dies,"* which was made in reference to the incident involving Councillor Mavis Erickson, Councillor Molina Cameron, and the engagement of a security company for the purpose of attempting to serve documents on Sebastian Anatole and Chief Anthony Jopse.

During the discussion, Nathan Seymour acknowledged making the statement. Following this acknowledgment, the discussion became heated and Nathan Seymour began raising his voice toward Elder Councillor Sebastian Anatole and Chief Anthony Jopse.

Elder Councillor Sebastian Anatole attended solely for the purpose of engaging in respectful dialogue and seeking clarification regarding concerns and statements that had been made.

Further concerns have arisen regarding the conduct of Councillor Mavis Erickson in relation to governance matters and her obligations under the Binche Whut'en governance framework. Councillor Erickson failed to uphold the integrity of Binche Whut'en governance through actions inconsistent with the Oath of Office and Code of Conduct, contrary to subsection 96(c) of the Binche Whut'en Election Code.

The particulars of these concerns include, but are not limited to, the following:

A. Unauthorized Assumption of Authority

On May 12, 2026, Councillor Mavis Erickson purported to act in the capacity of Interim Chief by issuing correspondence to Chief Anthony Jopse indicating that Council had passed a resolution requiring his mandatory recusal from meetings, discussions, decisions, and documentation relating to Council matters. This correspondence was issued without the approval, authorization, or knowledge of Chief Anthony Jopse and other members of Council.



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B. Unauthorized Engagement of Security Services

Councillor Mavis Erickson and Councillor Molina Cameron participated in retaining a security company to serve documents to Chief Anthony Jopse and other council, staff and community members of Binche Whut'en purporting to have them not act as Chief and Council including restrictions on access to Binche Whut'en buildings and facilities.

C. Unauthorized Exercise of Authority as Acting Deputy Chief

On May 19, 2026, Councillor Mavis Erickson purported to act in the capacity of Acting Deputy Chief by issuing correspondence to Councillors, administration staff, and community member regarding mandatory recusal from Council and administrative responsibilities, including restrictions on access to Binche Whut'en buildings. Such actions were undertaken without the approval, authorization, or knowledge of Chief Anthony Jopse and the majority of Council members.

Further concerns were raised regarding attempts by Mavis Erickson and Molina Cameron to modify Council quorum requirements from four Councillors to two Councillors without approval or authorization through established Binche Whut'en governance procedures. Such actions are inconsistent with established governance processes and raise serious concerns regarding unauthorized and unlawful conduct.

The foregoing actions raise significant concerns regarding governance authority, procedural fairness, accountability, compliance with the Oath of Office, and adherence to established governance policies and processes.

As a result of these fraudulent actions and concerns relating to unauthorized conduct, improper assumption of authority, and breaches of established governance procedures, Chief and the majority of Council, with quorum properly established at four members, passed a motion that Councillor Mavis Erickson and Molina Cameron shall no longer participate in Council duties, nor purport to act on behalf of Binche Whut'en as a Councillor, Acting Deputy Chief, or in any other capacity representing the authority of Binche Whut'en.



Chief Anthony Jopse
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