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Public Statement

Chief Anthony Jopse

As Chief of Binche Whut'en, I feel it is important to speak openly and honestly with our community.

Through conversations with numerous members — people I do not simply view as members, but as family, friends, neighbours, and loved ones — I have witnessed the amount of shame, negativity, and division being projected toward myself, my family, and the individuals working diligently to restore order during a time of unnecessary chaos created by a certain group of people.

Up until this point, I remained neutral and committed to following proper policies, procedures, and governance processes. I believed allowing those processes to unfold respectfully and lawfully was the responsible thing to do as Chief. However, there comes a point where remaining silent while my name, my family, and the integrity of those working for our Nation are continuously dragged through the mud becomes unacceptable.

I needed to take the time to truly observe and understand the picture being painted within our community. My character has never been to shame those involved, nor to create further division. Instead, my responsibility has always been to lead with fairness, accountability, and respect for all people.

Justice will be served for the families, workers, elders, youth, and community members who have experienced the heaviness and uncertainty that has been brought over our Nation.

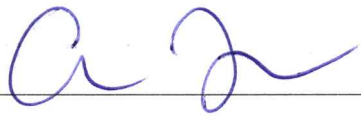
Through my conversations with community and band members, concerns surrounding transparency, communication, and the desire for every voice to be heard have been brought to my attention. Moving forward, these concerns will be a main focus as we work together to bring every Binche Whut'en member back into the light with clarity, respect, and unity.

As a community, we must rise above the shame, chaos, and sorrow that many have been enduring. My vision has always remained the same: to continue building a stronger future for our people through hard work, dedication, healing, and success despite the challenges we have faced.


This is more than just a statement — it is a reflection of the strength of our community and the direction I believe we are capable of moving toward together. I have listened, observed, and felt the concerns of the members and remain committed to walking forward with integrity and purpose.

I look forward to continuing to work together as one community.

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