Appeal Committee Determination

August 10,2026

Re: Tori Agnas Hallman- Appeal Application pursuant to Sections 78 and 79 of the Binche Whut'en Election Code.

Background

The grounds for the appeal contained in the Affidavit received from Tori Agnas Hallman allege the following contraventions having occurred:

Section 79(b): There was a violation of the Code in the Conduct of the Election that might have affected the result of the Election

Section 79(c): Election offences were committed

Section 43(d): Candidates or their associates committed slander and libel against opposing candidate Joshua Hallman

Section 43(e) Inflammatory and disrespectful statements were made about opposing candidate Joshua Hallman and his family

Section 43(g) Intimidation was used against the family of opposing candidate Joshua Hallman

Section 45(a) Duress and intimidation were used against supporters of opposing candidate Joshua Hallman

Determination

This appeal raises allegations of defamatory conduct, intimidation and coordinated campaigning. However, the only substantiated evidence consists of private text messages and exchanges between individuals who are not candidates.

There is no supporting evidence that:

- Any candidate authorized, directed, or was aware of the communications;
- The individuals acted as agents of a campaign, or;
- The conduct had any impact on voters or the election outcome.

The Appeal Committee having reviewed all the material submitted in this election appeal, has determined that although they reflect a contentious and at times what can be perceived as negative campaigning by certain individuals, they do not establish:

- Proven violations of the Code meeting the required legal standard; or
- Conduct that materially affected the integrity or outcome of the election

Therefore, the Appeal Committee's determination is all allegations in the appeal application be dismissed.

Appeal Committee Chair

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