

October 29, 2020

Skeetchestn Indian Band Members,

The Coronavirus pandemic is concerning for the community and we have watched case numbers rise dramatically in neighbouring First Nations communities, as well as Provincially, in the past week.

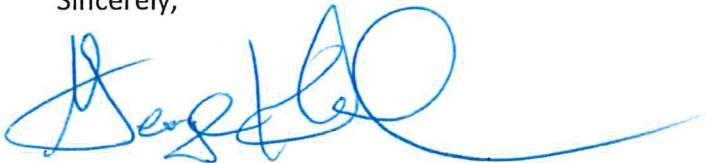
The health and well-being of the Skeetchestn Community is the primary focus of Skeetchestn Indian Band Chief & Council as well as myself, your appointed Chief Electoral Officer.

SIB Chief and Council has sought the guidance of the provincial public health experts, Indigenous Services Canada, SIB Emergency Operations Centre, and myself. Advice from these parties emphasizes physical distancing and avoidance of large gatherings wherever possible. For this reason, it is strongly advised against proceeding with elections where possible. Continuing with scheduled elections poses a challenge to observing current public health advice and it is for this reason we are delaying the SIB Council Election.

Skeetchestn Indian Band Chief and Council elections typically take place in December, with nominations announced in November. The delay in election will see nominations occur 30 days before the election date. SIB will have up to six (6) months to announce an election before the expiry of the extended term of office. An exact date for elections and nominations will be announced once it is deemed safe to do so.

Please feel free to reach out to me if you have questions. Stay well and stay safe!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'George Kaliszewski', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

George Kaliszewski