

Saturday, June 11, 2016

## **A MOTHER'S HEART**

I have tried to stay out of politics, but enough is enough. You have done enough to my son Sandy. My son was elected by the Sliammon people, not by a handful of people who are putting the cart before the horse, with their new drafted up laws that should not have gone into effect until the Treaty had gone through in April 2016. We were still under INAC and its Federal rules and regulations.

The Sliammon elected Chief and Council have suspended my son Sandy as an elected Councillor on March 20, 2015. Chief Clint Williams and Rod Allan, Chief Administrative Officer, wrote a letter to my son, in which they intended to clarify the current situation with respect to my son's Councillor Seat for the Nation.

In the letter they state, that my son had failed to report all of his monthly income on his renewal form for Social Assistance. I am puzzled as to why they would allow my Son Sandy to be on Social Assistance when he was receiving monthly honoraria of \$1,000.00 and yet he was told by the CEO and Sliammon Social Worker that his rent would be paid by Social Assistance. His rent was paid for about five or six months and went directly to Sliammon Housing. His hands never touched the check.

The elected Chief and Council are saying that Sandy failed to report all of his income on his renewal form and that this information had been passed on to the Council Dispute Resolution and Policy Enforcement Committee. This so called committee met on four consecutive dates, on February 18 & 19, and February 26, and March 05, 2015. Their recommendations were as follows: (1) to offer Sandy the opportunity to resign his Council seat, in which criminal charges would not be pursued. (2) If Sandy did not resign, he would be suspended from Council indefinitely, while a decision is made on the next steps. It is expected that the next step would be to provide the information and evidence to the authorities, for them to decide whether or not to proceed with criminal charges.

I guess you can see Sandy chose Number two and to date there have been no criminal charges laid.

The letter further states that because he selected the second option, that he was immediately placed under suspension. They further write that Sandy's Councillor Honoraria will continue to be paid, while he was under suspension, but it would be held in trust by the Nation, until the matter was resolved. At that time the honoraria would be dealt with in a matter, befitting the outcome.

They have since taken it a step further now. On Friday, May 20, 2016, they served Sandy with an eviction notice and now he has to be out of his bachelor pad by Monday, June 13, 2016. All this is being done because my son was the only Councillor who spoke up at the Council table, that the people should be informed on what the Chief and Council on what they were deciding at the table. Things were being done in a rush to push Treaty through. It was the CAO, who had Sandy on Income Assistance to pay his rent, even though he told him, but I'm getting \$1,000.00 a month and I can pay the \$400.00 a month. I knew the minute Sandy told me they were up to something and wanted to have something to hold over his head.

The letter was then presented to Sandy, with the understanding that he had selected the second option, whereby Sandy did not resign. So accordingly, he was immediately placed under indefinite suspension.

The letter further states that Sandy's Councillor honoraria would continue to be paid while he was under suspension, but would be held in trust by the Nation until the matter was resolved. They also state that at that time the honoraria would be dealt with in the matter befitting the outcome.

Why the eviction???? His money is there. Why didn't they just take out the \$400.00 dollars a month? No charges were laid.

With thanks,

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