



Yuutu?it?ath

December 4, 2025

RE: Allegation of Misconduct

Dear Citizens,

I want to speak directly to our community about the statement released by our Interim Chief Administrative Officer, Barney Dohm, earlier this week.

The false allegation that circulated in our community was made against me. The accusation was untrue and started from a baseless rumour. As Mr. Dohm said in his statement, a proper investigation took place and the claim was found to be categorically false. I participated only as the person accused and had no role in the investigation's process or outcome.

While I am grateful for this clear finding, the situation has caused real harm to my family and me. The emotional toll of seeing this false rumour spread so widely has been significant.

I also want to acknowledge that malicious and untrue accusations do not only affect the person targeted, they undermine public trust in elected officials, create doubt, and weaken the effectiveness of public leadership. When trust is damaged, it distracts from real priorities and makes it harder for all of us to serve the community well.

If citizens are unhappy with an elected official, there are appropriate and democratic ways to address that, including public engagement, respectful debate, and ultimately the ballot box at election time. That is where accountability belongs.

Support services are available for anyone who may need them, and they can contact Amber Severinson, Clinical Counsellor with the huu?atu Health Centre at (236) 544-0464.

Other supportive resources for those who have experienced trauma:

KUU-US Crisis Line - 24 HOUR Support Services:

- Adult/Elder Crisis Line: 250-723-4050
- Child/Youth Crisis Line: 250-723-2040
- BC Wide Toll Free: 1-800-588-871

Tsow-Tun Le Lum Counseling & Culture Support: 1-888-403-3123



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I care deeply about our community and the people in it. I ask everyone to support a healthy dialogue that is respectful, truthful, and focused on building each other up.

Thank you to those who waited for the facts before judging. I remain committed to serving with honesty, respect, and focus on the work ahead. I hope we can move forward together grounded in facts and guided by care for one another.

If you have any questions or need further clarification, please contact Barney Dohm at CAO@ufn.ca.

Sincerely,

Charles McCarthy

President

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