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**Qalipu Mi'kmaq First Nation Band Election 2024**  
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**To: Qalipu First Nation Membership and Appellants**

**Subject: Conclusion of the October 2024 QMFNB Election Appeal Process**

This official notice confirms that the 2024 Qalipu Mi'kmaq First Nation Band (QMFNB) October Election Appeal Process has formally concluded. The final appeal decisions were issued by the Electoral Officer on February 18, 2025, with written responses mailed to all appellants.

Following a thorough review of all appeals submitted under Section 27.1(a) and 27.1(b) of the Custom Rules Governing QMFNB Elections, the Electoral Officer's determinations are as follows:

**Allegations of Corrupt Practice in Connection with the Band Election**  
(Section 27.1a)

After reviewing all submitted documentation and considering candidates' responses in support of the appeals, followed by further investigation (Sections 27.4–27.6), the Electoral Officer has determined that no corrupt practices were identified in connection with the 2024 QMFNB Election.

**Allegations of Violations of Custom Election Rules that Might Have Affected the Election Result**  
(Section 27.1b)

Following a full review of appeal submissions, candidates' responses in support of the appeals, and additional investigation (Sections 27.4–27.6), the Electoral Officer has determined that no violations of the QMFNB Custom Election Rules were found that could have impacted the election results.

**Validation of Election Results – Section 30 of the Custom Rules**

Pursuant to Section 30 of the Custom Rules Governing QMFNB Elections, the Electoral Officer formally confirms the validity of the October 2024 Qalipu Mi'kmaq First Nation Band (QMFNB) Election results for the positions of Chief, Vice-Chiefs, and Councillors.

The election period concluded on October 25, 2024, at 8:00 PM, and elected officials officially took office at 12:01 AM on November 26, 2024.

While electoral list maintenance and regulatory considerations remain ongoing priorities for future election cycles, the Electoral Officer's review has confirmed that the allegations presented did not impact the integrity or outcome of the 2024 QMFNB Election.

As such, the results of the Fall 2024 QMFNB Election remain valid and accurate, and all elected officials rightfully hold their positions in accordance with the Custom Rules.

Electors play a vital role in shaping the governance of Qalipu First Nation. Just as in municipal, provincial, and federal elections, engagement begins well before election day—starting with staying informed and ensuring personal contact information is kept up to date with the appropriate government offices. For Qalipu First Nation members, this means maintaining current contact and residency details with the Band’s Indian Registration Administrator, Nancy O’Connell. Keeping this information updated on an ongoing basis ensures members receive important election-related communications. While QMFNB has implemented measures to support accessibility in the election process, individual participation remains essential. By staying engaged and keeping their information current, members help support a smooth and transparent electoral process that reflects the collective voice of the Nation.

The Electoral Office appreciates the engagement and participation of all members throughout the October 2024 election cycle and extends its gratitude for your patience while awaiting the final decisions in the QMFNB appeal process.

Sincerely,

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