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A Message to Our Community

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On behalf of Chief and Council, I want to thank everyone who took the time to attend our Annual General Assembly (AGA) last week.

It was good to see so many of our members come together, participate and take an interest in the work happening across Nak'azdli. These gatherings are important opportunities for Chief and Council and our staff to report back to you, answer questions and hear directly from members about what matters most.

I also want to recognize and thank our staff. A great deal of work went into preparing for the AGA. Our departments prepared comprehensive reports and presentations to provide members with meaningful updates on the programs, services and initiatives they have been working on over the past year. I am grateful for the time, care and effort that went into that work, and for the commitment our staff continue to show to our community and our members every day.

We know this year's meeting did not go the way many of us had hoped, and that some of the updates our staff prepared could not be shared as fully as planned. There will always be hard issues to talk through, and members should always be able to raise concerns and ask questions. Our people have always known how to have those conversations. When we gather, we make space for each person to be heard, we are thoughtful in how we respond, and we take care of the relationship. That is something we all carry together.

We heard the questions and concerns members raised. In that same spirit, Chief and Council will give careful consideration to what we heard as we continue our work together.

Most importantly, there is a lot of good work happening across our community, including important work to protect and care for our lands, waters and keyoh. We want members to hear about that work directly and to be part of the conversation.

In November, the Yinka Huwunline Stewardship Department will host a day to share what is happening on the land, the work underway and the issues that affect our lands and our people. It will be another opportunity for us to come together, listen to one another and talk about the things that matter most. I encourage everyone who is able to come and join us. More information will be shared soon.

We have important work ahead, and we each carry responsibilities in it: to one another, to our keyoh, the land and waters, the animals and the salmon, and to our children's children. Tube mussi to everyone who took part. We are stronger when we work together as one.

Chief M. Colleen Erickson

On behalf of Nak'azdli Chief and Council