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Background:

Adams Lake Indian Band is one of the 17 bands in the Secwepemc Nation. Sahhalkum IR #4 is the largest of the Adams Lake Indian Bands seven reserves and is located adjacent to the Village of Chase and is 55 kilometers east of Kamloops. Sahhalkum IR #4 is the main residential and administrative reserve for Adams Lake Indian Band and is home to approximately 75% of the Bands on reserve population. Switsemalph IR 6 is populated located 12 kilometers east of Salmon Arm. The Adams Lake Indian Band IR#4 main administration office is located north of the Thomson River near Chase, BC.

The two matters that were in front of the court were between Doris Johnny and the Adams Lake Indian Band and between Brandy Jules, Ronnie Jules and Gina Johnny and the Adams Lake Indian Band. The Federal Court has given their judgment on July 5, 2017. The Federal Court has upheld both appeals of which we are here today to provide commentary.

Federal Court Judgment: Johnny, Jules, Jules - The appeal is allowed and the judgment of the Federal Court is set aside with costs here and in the Federal Court. The decision of the Community Panel is set aside in its entirety, including prohibition placed on the appellants running for office in the elections to be held in 2018 and 2021. If the petition to remove the appellants is to be pursued, members of the Community Panel shall participate in the decision-making process in accordance with the Court's reasons.

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The Court further states "The Community Panel must be free from a reasonable apprehension of bias". Should any further matter go forward in relation to these appeals, all members of the Panel will have to demonstrate they are free from a reasonable apprehension of bias.

Federal Court of Appeal Judgment(s) will be posted on our ALIB website under ALIB Election and also it will be posted in both Adams Lake Band Administration offices (front desk) area.

Positive measures have been taken by the Band to address their current Election Rules.