



STURGEON LAKE CREE NATION

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DECISION OF THE STURGEON LAKE CREE NATION APPEAL COMMITTEE

WHEREAS an appeal was made to the Sturgeon Lake Cree Nation (“**SLCN**”) Appeal Committee regarding the removal of Councillor Hugh Garbitt;

AND WHEREAS pursuant to the Customary Election Regulations of SLCN (“the **Regulations**”), the Sturgeon Lake Cree Nation Appeal Committee (the “**Committee**”) was tasked with determining, in accordance with s. 15.12 of the Regulations, the appeal from the removal by Council of Councillor Hugh Garbitt;

AND WHEREAS a hearing was held over the course of two days, on October 21 and October 22, 2024 at the Paradise Inn & Suites Hotel in Valleyview and via Zoom, and the Committee heard submissions and evidence from the Appellant and the Respondents to the appeal;

AND WHEREAS s. 15.12 of the Regulations provides that within ten (10) days of the hearing the Committee shall render its decision on the appeal, by either upholding or overturning the removal;

THEREFORE, the Committee, after careful and due consideration of all information submitted by both parties and in accordance with s. 15.12 (a) of the Regulations, makes the following decision:

**The Appeal Committee finds that the grounds for the appeal were not established.
The decision of SLCN Council to remove Councillor Hugh Garbitt is upheld.**

Reasons for decision will be released on or before November 8, 2024.

Respectfully,

SLCN Appeal Committee

Elder Wilma Goodswimmer	Lorraine Chowace
Elder Gary Moostoos	Cara Thomas
Tammy Chowace	Tara Kappo (Chair)