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Eagle Woman Tribunal Update

Tanisi and Aniin Sikwa!

I am delighted to offer this update on the Eagle Woman Tribunal.

Currently, the Eagle Woman Tribunal is undergoing a period of pause. This decision has been made to enable us to delve deeper into refining and fortifying the laws and policies governing the Tribunal. Our aim is to enhance its efficiency and jurisdictional scope. We are energized by the forthcoming changes and the direction in which the Eagle Woman Tribunal is evolving.

These adjustments represent a significant milestone as we endeavor to establish our own Justice Institute, operating under our laws and exercising our sovereign rights and jurisdiction as a Nation. It is imperative that we approach this task with meticulous care, ensuring that every aspect of the Eagle Woman Tribunal aligns with our vision of justice for our Nation and beyond.

In the months ahead, we will initiate community dialogues to gather insights and input from our members, refining and fine-tuning the Eagle Woman Tribunal accordingly. We have already commenced consultations with our Knowledge Keepers, Treaty experts, and have begun examining existing institutes. The Eagle Woman Tribunal stands as a rare and distinctive institution, with Cowessess at the forefront of paving the way for sovereign jurisdiction within the justice sector.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to the past leadership, kihtehayak, Elders, Knowledge Keepers, and all Cowessess members who have contributed to the realization of the Eagle Woman Tribunal. When it relaunches, it will not only endure well into the future but also serve as a testament to community justice and a guiding light for other Nations to emulate.

Amidst this transformative process, we wish to express our sincere appreciation for your unwavering dedication and understanding. Your active participation and meaningful contributions within our community embody the spirit of "Cowessess Strong". Together, we will forge ahead, united by our shared objectives and collective journey.

Hiy hiy and Chi-miigwetch,

Chief Erica Beaudin