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ʔukłaamaḥ ʔuuqʷaatisʔaqsup, mamałnii ʕimtii Cynthia Dick, ċišaaʔaqsumaḥ. ċawaaknakaḥ ťanʼa ʔukłaama Arianna Watts. ʔumʔiiqsakaḥ Eileen Watts, ċišaaʔatḥ, ṅuẇiiqsakaḥ Richard Dick Sr., ċišaaʔatḥ, ʔiš ʔuḥikʷitaḥ ṅuwiiqsu Carl Bob, Snaw-naw-as, nananiiqsakaḥ Ron and Marlene Dick, Deborah Bob, ʔuḥikʷitaḥ nananiiqsu Anita and Wattse Schievink, John Watts Sr., Carl Bob Sr.

It has been a privilege and such a great opportunity to serve ċišaaʔatḥ First Nation over the past four years as your elected Chief Councillor. I want to recognize the past leaders that have brought us to where we are today and the foundation, they have built for us. There is still a lot of work that needs to be done to ensure we continue to move forward for our children and upcoming generations. I have accepted my nomination for the 2020 ċišaaʔatḥ election to continue the work needed to keep our Nation moving forward. Through the past four and a half years there have been many challenges and lessons learned which gave us the opportunity to make changes that stimulated growth. We need to commit to our values of ʔiisaak (respect) and hišuk ʔiš ċawaak (we are all one and interconnected) in everything that we do. Some of the key priorities I will continue to support include:

- **Mental Health and Addictions;** we continue to see the impacts of residential schools, colonization and the intergenerational traumas that exist in our community. I will support much-needed healing necessary to improve the health & wellness of our members.
- **Building Relationships;** it is important that we continue to build new relationships to support our work toward a brighter future. This includes relationships within ourselves, our families, our ċišaaʔatḥ community and all external stakeholders.
- **Language and Culture;** we are at a critical time in our history where it is up to us to take the necessary steps in preserving our teachings, traditions, culture and who we are as ċišaaʔatḥ people for our children and next generations. Our ancestors, elders and knowledge keepers have held onto this for us through the most challenging times and it is up to us to breathe life into these teachings.
- **Governance;** in this past term on council we started the dialogue with our hereditary leaders on how we can be more inclusive in our decision-making processes. We need to continue to stand up our hereditary system and find new ways to be more inclusive.

This past term as council we have had challenges and successes and together with staff and community many initiatives did continue to move forward. We will continue to reduce our debt, increase economic development and opportunities, increase transparency and accountability, support education, and solidify the mission and vision of ċišaaʔath through our CCP, governance structures, policies and procedures. Together we can continue the work of building a strong, healthy and proud community for our children. ʕaaʕaatiqamaḥ siiẇa (I thank you all).