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Notice

Beausoleil First Nation Condemns the Selling, Smuggling and Trafficking of Illegal Drugs and Substances within its Territory

It is highly evident that our community is facing a grave crisis around drugs and addictions. Consistent drug related activity within our community, both on and off the island, is continuing to fester and creating a myriad of safety concerns amongst our families. The children and elders of our community are being detrimentally impacted the most. We can no longer be ignorant of the long term effects that this will have on the stability of our community.

Every child deserves to grow up in a safe and healthy environment and it is our responsibility, as a community, as Anishinaabe peoples, to care for our elders and children and to foster a bright future for those yet to come. We have heard the community loud and clear. The Chief and Council would like to send a strong reminder to those residing within the community that we will not tolerate the selling, smuggling and trafficking of illegal drugs or substances within our territory.

Furthermore, those residing in BFN owned rentals, will face eviction without notice, if found to be selling or smuggling drugs or harbouring drug dealers within our homes and those in privately owned homes will face lawful consequences. All new residents must be approved by the Chief and Council and all visitors must register with security before being admitted to our territory.

We extend empathy to those who are struggling and strongly encourage you to seek the help and assistance you need. Our mental wellness team at the Beausoleil Family Health Centre can help connect you with the resources you need. We understand how the impacts of intergenerational trauma have led us here, but now it is time to reclaim our strength as a community. We cannot continue to pour poison over our wounds because it is creating a toxic environment that our children cannot grow up in. We cannot lose another life and we cannot pass this dysfunction on to our future generations.

We support those who want to come forward to report any illegal and suspicious activity. We acknowledge the bravery it takes to come report and we commend everyone who has expressed their concerns thus far. Please continue to notify the proper authorities. The Chief and Council will continue to implement measures to address this crisis to our fullest extent.

Beausoleil First Nation Chief and Council

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