

Box 3, Watson Lake YT, Y0A 1C0
February 19, 2020

Town of Watson Lake
710 Adela Trail, Watson Lake YT Y0A 1C0

Dear Mayor and Council:

RE: Advocates support for *Youth for Dignity* Sexualized Assault prevention campaign

As you are aware from *Reclaiming Power and Place*, the report of the National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls, the rate of sexualized assault and violence against Indigenous women in rural northern communities is stark and unrelenting.

We, the undersigned, are advocates working to prevent gender-based violence and build respect and justice in the fabric of our community. We write to ask Mayor and Council to support the youth in Watson Lake who are actively engaged in promoting community safety and ending violence against anyone who is targeted: women and girls, men and boys, and members of the 2SLGBTQ+ community. Please join us in working to ensure the most ethical and effective social network and institutional responses to people who are harmed by violence and people who commit violence.

As part of a sexualized assault prevention campaign, Liard Aboriginal Women's Society's *Youth for Dignity* program at Watson Lake Secondary School installed a Stop Rape sign in the Signpost Forest that was later removed. The removal of the previous Stop Rape sign installed by the youth was disempowering for our youth, and we are requesting an investigation into who removed them, and for what reason. The *Youth for Dignity* have worked hard on this campaign in an effort to prevent violence in our community, and plans to reinstall Stop Rape signs at the Signpost Forest. We ask Town Council to install a new pole in the Signpost Forest designated for *Youth for Dignity* and similar Liard Aboriginal Women's Society programs.

We are proud of the *Youth for Dignity's* initiative and stand with them in this campaign. As Kaska advocates, we need to see more public support and cooperation from the town, from the RCMP, and from the general public in condemning those who perpetrate violence or fail to protect victims of violence.

By copy of this letter to the Liard First Nation, the Watson Lake Secondary School Council, and the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, we ask them to support the initiatives of *Youth for Dignity* to end violence. We appreciate your cooperation and look forward to a positive reply.

Yours sincerely,


See attached signature pages.

c. Watson Lake Secondary School Council
Liard First Nation
RCMP, Watson Lake detachment
Youth for Dignity, Watson Lake Secondary School
Hon Tracy MacPhee, Yukon Government, Minister of Education

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