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To M'Chigeeng First Nation and Membership,

On December 9, 2025, M'Chigeeng First Nation Council received an interim decision in the legal matter between M'Chigeeng First Nation and Morgen Hare. Council would like to inform the community and membership that Mr. Hare will be reinstated to the Office of the Chief immediately.

Community operations will continue as usual and will not be disrupted.

This decision is an interim decision until the final hearing about the removal and the call for the general election. The final hearing will be on February 11, 2026. At that hearing, the Federal Court will examine all evidence and arguments and will issue a decision about whether Chief Hare will be permanently reinstated.

We appreciate the community's patience and understanding as we follow the Court's direction. We remain committed to serving the best interests of M'Chigeeng First Nation and its membership during this period, and at all times moving forward.

We will continue to update the community on future developments.

Background

As you may be aware, Morgen Hare challenged the decision of Council to remove him from office made June 30th, 2025. That challenge has been proceeding in Federal Court. As part of that hearing proceeding, Chief Hare asked the court to reinstate him until the court makes a final decision. Today's court decision is about the interim reinstatement. Chief Hare will remain in office until the Court makes a final decision about the Chief's removal. At that time we expect the Court will also rule about whether the general election scheduled for May 2026 can proceed.

With Appreciation

M'Chigeeng Council