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Tribal Council Endorses PJ Burns in October 27th Salmon River School Board Special Election

AKWESASNE, NY— The Saint Regis Mohawk Tribal Council is continuing to encourage Akwesasne residents to show their support for local candidates who are vying for vacant positions on the Salmon River School Board. The Tribal Council is asking community members to join them in supporting PJ Burns in a special election being held for the School Board on Tuesday, Kentenah/October 27, 2015.

PJ Burns is a lifelong resident of Akwesasne and has worked for 15 years with the St. Regis Mohawk Tribal Police Department, serving for five years as a Community Resource Officer and two years as a Drug Abuse Resistance Education Officer. PJ is very active in the community and currently serves on the Akwesasne Boys and Girls Club Board of Directors, the Coalition for Community Empowerment, and directs the Annual Kids for Fishing. He graduated from Salmon River in 1993 and obtained an Associates Degree in Law & Security from Saint Lawrence College. He is married and has three children, with one enrolled in the Salmon River School District.

Tribal Council noted, “We continue to be very proud of community members that seek to strengthen our children’s education and prepare them for their futures. The anti-drug program that PJ provides in the schools is helping our children realize their potential as adults. His focus as a candidate is to bring the same focus for the benefit of all children in the school district.”

The special election will be held from Noon to 8:00 p.m. on October 27th in the Salmon River High School Auditorium. Voters will be asked to fill a vacancy by electing a board member to serve a term that expires on June 30, 2018.

Absentee ballots are currently available at the District Clerk’s Office at the Salmon River Campus, 637 County Route 1, Fort Covington, New York. All completed ballots must be received by the District Clerk no later than 5:00pm on Tuesday, October 27, 2015. For more information, please call District Clerk Natascha Jock at (518) 358-6608.

The Tribe’s Education Division is providing shuttle service from Noon-7:30pm for individuals in need of transportation. Arrangements can be made by contacting the Tribe’s main reception desk at (518) 358-2272.

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