



## Caldwell First Nation

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### **2021 Caldwell First Nation Election Update from Council & Response to Concerned Citizens**

Council has appointed an Electoral Officer, John C. Peters, for Caldwell's 2021 Election for Chief and Council. John Peters has been the electoral officer for Caldwell First Nation in the past and has helped the Nation with ratification votes in recent years as well. We are working with Mr. Peters to determine a date for the 2021 election, while taking into consideration aspects and restrictions of the current COVID-19 pandemic. We will be in contact with members when a date for the election has been determined.

Council is aware of an email that has been circulating to some members about a re-appointment of a Chief and an "election" for Caldwell Council at Point Pelee National Park the weekend of October 31, 2020. This is **NOT** an official or valid election process nor is it endorsed by the Council of Caldwell First Nation. In addition, Council does not support or endorse blockading access to Point Pelee National Park for this event.

We are in receipt of complaints from members on how the person circulating this information came to possess their contact information and how it disenfranchises most members. We will work on responding to the high volume of complaints regarding this event in the coming days. We are unsure how this event came to be or how contact information was obtained by the individual, but please be assured that Caldwell First Nation Administration and Council are bound by law and duty of positions to maintain privacy and confidentiality of information; we are investigating accordingly.

**Please note that valid elections of Caldwell First Nation will provide all registered Caldwell members with the opportunity to nominate and vote for their preferred candidates.**

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Councillor Perkins

Councillor Peters

Councillor Scott

Councillor Simpson