

Declaration of Results of Recount Under Section 17 of the Nipissing First Nation Custom Election Regulations

I, Fred Bellefeuille, Electoral Officer for 2021 Nipissing First Nation election, solemnly declare that:

1. The councillor candidate finishing in 7th position Daniel M. Stevens and councillor candidate finishing in the 8th position Brian Couchie in the July 9th 2021 Nipissing First Nation election had a 3 vote difference;
2. Section 17 of the *Nipissing First Nation Custom Election Regulations* states that a recount of votes may be requested where the number of votes separating a candidate who was not declared elected and another candidate for the same position who was declared elected is (5) five votes or less;
3. On July 10th 2021 candidate Brian Couchie requested a recount based on section 17 of the *Nipissing First Nation Custom Election Regulations*;
4. On July 14th 2021 I recounted the votes cast for the above candidates and have performed all other duties required of me by the *Nipissing First Nation Custom Election Regulations*;
5. The results of the recount are that Brian Couchie has 326 votes and Daniel M. Stevens has 327 votes;
6. The candidates declared elected in the July 10, 2021 Nipissing First Nation Election report remains the same;

Signature:  _____

Date: July 14, 2021