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Court File No. T- 1562 - 22

FEDERAL COURT

BETWEEN:

Jeannie Marie-Jewell

APPLICANT

AND:

Salt River First Nation #195

RESPONDENT

NOTICE OF APPLICATION

TO THE RESPONDENT:

A PROCEEDING HAS BEEN COMMENCED by the applicant. The relief claimed by the applicant appears on the following page.

THIS APPLICATION will be heard by the Court at a time and place to be fixed by the Judicial Administrator. Unless the Court orders otherwise, the place of hearing will be as requested by the applicant. The applicant requests that this application be heard at Vancouver.

IF YOU WISH TO OPPOSE THIS APPLICATION, to receive notice of any step in the application or to be served with any documents in the application, you or a solicitor acting for you must prepare a notice of appearance in Form 305 prescribed by the Federal Courts Rules and serve it on the applicant's solicitor, or where the applicant is self-represented, on the applicant, WITHIN 10 DAYS after being served with this notice of application.

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July , 2022

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APPLICATION

This is an Application for judicial review under s. 18.1 of the Federal Courts Act in respect of the decision of the Council of the Salt River First Nation #195 ("SRFN") dated June 30, 2022 wherein the Council decided to deny the Applicant the opportunity to stand for chief in the election set for September 16, 2022. The Decision was made known to the Applicant on June 30, 2022.

The Applicant makes an application for:

- (a) An order quashing the Decision;
- (b) Costs; and
- (c) Such further and other relief that this Court deems just.

THE GROUNDS FOR THE APPLICATION ARE:

The Parties

- 1. The applicant is, and at all material times, a been registered member of SRFN.
- 2. The respondent, the SRFN, is a Band as defined in the *Indian Act R.S.C.* 1985, c. I-5.
- 3. SRFN is governed by one (1) chief and six (6) Councillors.
- 4. The applicants are all Members of SRFN, a signatory to the Salt River First Nation Treaty Settlement Agreement of November 13, 2001.
- 5. There are approximately 1,000 members in SRFN, with members residing in Salt River First Nation, Northwest Territories, British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan, Ontario, Newfoundland, United States, Germany and Australia. SRFN is located in the Northern most part of Alberta and the Southern most part of the Northwest Territories.
- 6. The SRFN is a mix of Cree and Chipewyan people.

Background

- 7. Disallowing the Applicant from running for office is contrary to democratic principles.
- 8. The reason for disallowing the Applicant from running for office is due to an alleged 2014 debt owing to the Respondent, all of which is denied by the Applicant.
- 9. The alleged 2014 debts owing to the Salt River First Nation #195 is purported to be a ground for refusing a candidate to run for office. However, this allegation came just

recently to the Applicant's attention when she announced her intention to run for office. The alleged debt is denied and disputed.

- 10. The alleged debt appears to be politically motivated.
- 11. The alleged debt is also claimed to have been in 2014 and, even if the debt existed, but is expressly denied by the Applicant, it is now statute barred. The Respondent is thus guilt of laches.
- 12. The Applicant has raised a serious issue, namely that the was a clear lack of procedural fairness to the Applicant prior to the Respondent's decision to deny her the ability to run for chief.
- 13. There is no internal process to resolve this matter.
- 14. There is urgency to this matter as there is a general band election scheduled for September 16, 2022.

Decision Should be Set Aside

- 17. The applicant submits that her request for the order should be granted. The applicants rely on the following grounds in support of this request:
 - a. The Decision is unreasonable and it lacked procedural fairness;
 - b. The Decision to deny the Applicant to run for office is based only one allegation of a 2014 debt to SRFN, all of which is denied, but if true, the Respondent is statute-barred from enforcing the debt and is guilty of laches; and
 - c. Such further and other particulars that will be provided at the hearing of this application.

THIS APPLICATION WILL BE SUPPORTED BY THE FOLLOWING MATERIALS:

1. The affidavits of the Applicant, to be sworn; and

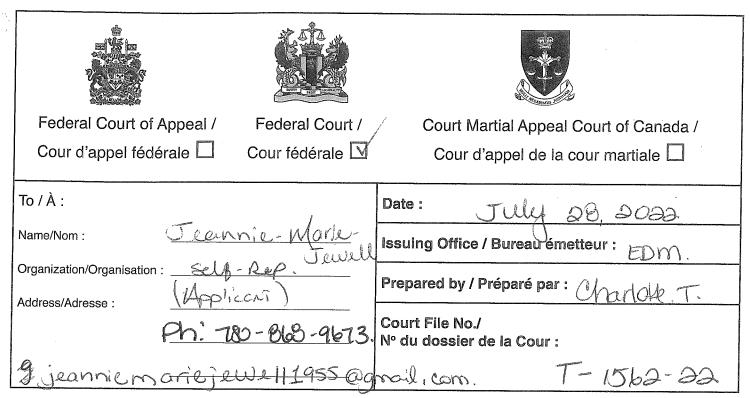
2. Such further and other material as counsel may advise and this Honourable Court may permit.

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Dated this 28 day of July, 2022.	Harrie Mari - Jacel-
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