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### COLVILLE BUSINESS COUNCIL EXPELS COUNCILMAN GABRIEL

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For Immediate Release

NESPELEM, WA—By a 9-4 vote, the Colville Business Council today approved the expulsion of CBC Member Ricky Gabriel. The expulsion is effective immediately.

This action was based upon violations of the ethical standards for CBC members set out in the *Council's Code of Professional Responsibility* in the Colville Tribal Code.

The CBC found that Gabriel had violated three sections of its *Code of Professional Responsibility*. These sections prohibit:

- o Use of the council member's position "to obtain financial gain or anything of substantial value for the private benefit of himself or herself or his or her immediate family, or for an organization with which he or she is associated."
- o Voting on or influencing legislation "in Committee session or Council session, where the Council Member has a personal or family interest which is in conflict with the proper discharge of Council duties."
- o Using or attempting to use "improper means to influence a tribal agency, board, commission, Tribal Court, the Administrative Law Judge, or department."

The CBC made its decision following an investigative hearing.

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