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Micheal Moody Selected Carver for Northern Savings Daajing Giids Gyaaḡang Totem Pole Commission Project

Northern Savings Credit Union is situated on the territory of the Haida Nation and the traditional territories of the Ts'msyen Nation. The credit union is committed to taking real action in its journey to Reconciliation and are implementing the Calls to Action for Business as outlined by the Truth & Reconciliation Commission.

Northern Savings wishes to honour Haida Title and the people of Haida Gwaii by working with the Haida Nation to have presence in both of its Haida Gwaii locations. With the assistance of CHN, Heredity Chiefs Council, and the Saahlinda Naay *Haida Gwaii Museum*, the credit union launched a Request for Proposal to raise a gyaaḡang. During the RFP process, seven applications from Haida artists were received and a selection committee was formed.

The selection committee comprised of three local Haida artists representing both South and North ends of Haida Gwaii, along with two Northern Savings representatives and staff support from both organizations. Each proposal was reviewed in great length and the committee strived in reaching consensus.

Northern Savings final decision was to select Micheal Moody as the successful carver for the gyaaḡang. Mr. Moody is a *Xaayda Haida* artist from Hlḡaagilda *Skidegate* from the Naay K'un Kiigawaay *Raven Clan* and is recognized as an emerging carver.

Northern Savings thanks the applicants for their tremendous efforts in submitting their proposals and looks forward to sharing the gyaaḡang with its members, the communities of Haida Gwaii, and its visitors. A pole raising celebration is scheduled to take place in 2025.

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