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VUNTUT GWITCHIN FIRST NATION
COUNCIL RESOLUTION 11122021 – #47

RE: NEW COMMUNITY EMERGENCY DECLARATION AND ORDER RELATED TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC PURSUANT TO THE COMMUNITY EMERGENCY ACT

WHEREAS:

- A. The spread of the highly contagious COVID-19 coronavirus remains a global pandemic and continues to pose a serious threat to human life, health, well-being and society.
- B. If Council reasonably believes that an apprehended, imminent or actual danger exists to life, health, safety or the environment on Settlement Land, then Council may make a Community Emergency Declaration pursuant to section 5 of the Community Emergency Act (the “Act”) declaring that a Community Emergency exists within the meaning of the Act.
- C. If a Community Emergency Declaration is made under the Act, and Council reasonably believes that certain special temporary measures are necessary to address the existing Community Emergency, then Council may also make a Community Emergency Order pursuant to section 7 of the Act to establish such special temporary measures.
- D. On June 16, 2021, Council passed Council resolution 06162021 – #21 which:
 - (1) made a Community Emergency Declaration pursuant to section 5 of the Act in relation to the COVID-19 pandemic and risks arising from the number of active COVID-19 cases in the Yukon at the time (the “COVID-19 Emergency Declaration #1”); and
 - (2) made a Community Emergency Order pursuant to section 7 of the Act establishing certain special temporary measures in relation to the COVID-19 Emergency Declaration #1 (the “COVID-19 Emergency Order #1”).
- E. On August 6, 2021, Council passed Council resolution 08062021 – #21 which:
 - (1) extended the duration of the COVID-19 Emergency Declaration #1 until November 4, 2021, pursuant to section 6 of the Act; and
 - (2) amended the special temporary measures established under the COVID-19 Emergency Order #1 pursuant to section 9 of the Act.
- F. Notwithstanding the current COVID-19 vaccination rates on Settlement Land and in Yukon, and the expiry of the COVID-19 Emergency Declaration #1 and COVID-19 Emergency Order #1, Council continues to be concerned for the health, safety and welfare of the community of Old Crow due to the recent increase of active COVID-19 cases in the Yukon and the level of risk that continues to exist for the community of Old Crow which is among the most vulnerable to COVID-19, and in

particular, those persons on Settlement Land who are elders, infants, children, pregnant, immunocompromised, have underlying medical conditions or are not fully vaccinated.

- G. Based on the specific nature of the COVID-19 pandemic, and in consideration of the current circumstances within the Yukon, the Council reasonably believes that public health and safety measures are once again required to be brought into legal force and effect as special temporary measures under the Act in order to protect the life, health and safety of the community of Old Crow on Settlement Land.

THEREFORE THE COUNCIL OF THE VUNTUT GWITCHIN FIRST NATION RESOLVES THAT:

Community Emergency Declaration

1. This Community Emergency Declaration is hereby made by Council pursuant to section 5 of the Act in relation to the COVID-19 pandemic and the risks arising from the current number of active COVID-19 cases in the Yukon which constitutes a Community Emergency within the meaning of the Act (the "COVID-19 Emergency Declaration #2").
2. This COVID-19 Emergency Declaration #2 will come into effect immediately upon this Council resolution being published in accordance with the section 5 of the Act and will remain in effect for a period of 90 days unless terminated earlier or extended pursuant to section 6 of the Act.


Community Emergency Order

3. This Community Emergency Order is hereby made by Council pursuant to section 7 of the Act establishing the following special temporary measures in relation to the COVID-19 Emergency Declaration #2 (the "COVID-19 Emergency Order #2"):
 - (a) All persons must wear a mask in all indoor and outdoor public spaces on Settlement Land and while in Vuntut Gwitchin Government buildings if within 6 feet of anyone else;
 - (b) Public gatherings are permitted in Old Crow on the condition that there is no confirmed active case of COVID-19 in the community;
 - (c) The Vuntut Gwitchin Government COVID-19 coordinator shall have the authority to administer COVID-19 testing in accordance with this COVID-19 Emergency Order #2;
 - (d) The Vuntut Gwitchin Government shall determine what travel is deemed essential and shall approve any travel to and from the community of Old Crow upon request. Any person approved to travel to Old Crow shall complete the Declaration for Entry to Old Crow as prescribed by the Council and submit it to the Vuntut Gwitchin Government COVID-19 coordinator upon arrival to Old Crow, with such Declaration for Entry to Old Crow to require:
 - (i) A detailed self-isolation plan to be adhered to by the person if self-isolation becomes required pursuant to paragraph 3(e) of this COVID-19 Emergency Order #2;

- (ii) A disclosure by the person if they have tested positive for COVID-19 or have been in close contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19 at any time in the past 14 days prior to their scheduled arrival to Old Crow;
 - (iii) Subject to 3(d)(iv), proof of being fully vaccinated, which means the person has received two doses of an approved COVID-19 vaccine with the second dose having been received no less than 14 days prior to their scheduled arrival to Old Crow; and
 - (iv) If the person does not have proof of being fully vaccinated within the meaning of subparagraph 3(d)(iii) of this this COVID-19 Emergency Order #2, submitting to COVID-19 testing immediately upon arrival to Old Crow;
- (e) Subject to the exceptions under paragraph 3(f) of this COVID-19 Emergency Order #2, all persons on Settlement Land must immediately notify the Old Crow Health Center and self-isolate and remain in their own residence for a period of up to 14 days in the following circumstances:
- (i) If the person has tested positive for COVID-19 or has been in close contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19 at any time within the past 14 days; or
 - (ii) If the person is experiencing cold or flu-like symptoms, or any other symptoms associated with COVID-19;
- (f) The requirement for a person on Settlement Land to self-isolate in their own residence for a period of up to 14 days under paragraph 3(e) of this COVID-19 Emergency Order #2 is subject to the following exceptions:
- (i) A self-isolating person may access outdoor public spaces on Settlement Land anytime between 5:00am to 10:00pm while wearing a mask pursuant to paragraph 3(a) of this COVID-19 Emergency Order #2;
 - (ii) A self-isolating person may access the VGFN Traditional Territory beyond Settlement Land for traditional pursuits while wearing a mask pursuant to paragraph 3(a) of this COVID-19 Emergency Order #2;
 - (iii) A self-isolating person may cease self-isolation earlier than the 14 days prescribed under paragraph 3(e) upon providing sufficient proof to the community COVID-19 coordinator of a negative COVID-19 test result administered by a health professional within the self-isolation period; or
 - (iv) such other exceptions that may be expressly authorized in advance by Council;
4. This COVID-19 Emergency Order #2 will come into effect immediately upon this Council resolution being published in accordance with section 8 of the Act and will remain in effect for the duration of the COVID-19 Emergency Declaration #2.
5. This COVID-19 Emergency Order #2 may be amended at any time during the duration of the COVID-19 Emergency Declaration #2 pursuant to section 9 of the Act.

6. Any person who does not comply with the COVID-19 Emergency Order #2 commits an offence under the Act and is liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding \$5,000 or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 6 months or to both fine and imprisonment.

THIS RESOLUTION being duly approved by a consensus of the Council at a meeting duly convened on November 12, 2021 at Old Crow, Yukon.




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