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VUNTUT GWITCHIN FIRST NATION COUNCIL RESOLUTION 08062021 – #34

RE: EXTENDING COVID-19 EMERGENCY DECLARATION AND REVISING COVID-19 EMERGENCY ORDER

WHEREAS:

- A. On June 16, 2021, Council passed Council resolution 06162021 – #21 which made a:
 - (1) Community Emergency Declaration pursuant to section 5 of the Community Emergency Act (the “Act”) in relation to the COVID-19 pandemic and risks arising from the number of active COVID-19 cases in the Yukon (the “COVID-19 Emergency Declaration”); and
 - (2) Community Emergency Order pursuant to pursuant to section 5 of the Act establishing certain special temporary measures to address the COVID-19 Community Emergency (the “COVID-19 Emergency Order”);
- B. The COVID-19 Emergency Declaration and the COVID-19 Emergency Order are set to expire on September 14, 2021;
- C. Council continues 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 across Canada; and
- D. Council recognizes vaccination rates have increased in the community, Yukon and across Canada and wishes to adjust the special temporary measures to address the changing circumstances;

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

- 1. The COVID-19 Emergency Declaration is hereby extended for a period of 90 days starting from August 6, 2021 pursuant to section 6 of the Act, subject to any earlier termination by Council;
- 2. The COVID-19 Emergency Order is hereby amended pursuant to section 9 of the Act replacing the special temporary measures previously established under Council resolution 06162021 – #21 with those set out below:
 - (a) Any person aged 12 years and up who enters onto Settlement Land from outside of the VGFN Traditional Territory must immediately self-isolate unless they have provided the Council with proof that they are fully vaccinated by having received a second dose of a COVID-19 vaccination at least 14 days prior to their date of entry onto Settlement Land with a signed declaration in support;
 - (b) Any person on Settlement Land that comes into close contact with another person who has tested positive for COVID-19 must immediately notify the Old Crow nursing station and Council and self-isolate;

- (c) Any person on Settlement Land that is experiencing symptoms associated with COVID-19, such as cold and flu-like symptoms, must immediately notify the Old Crow nursing station and Council and self-isolate;
 - (d) Any person required to self-isolate under this COVID-19 Emergency Order must remain in their own residence for a period of 14 days subject only to the following exceptions:
 - (i) A self-isolating person who provides Council with proof of a negative COVID-19 test result within the past 24 hours may end self-isolation upon receiving confirmation from the Council;
 - (ii) A self-isolating person belonging to one residence may form and maintain a social bubble with persons from up to one other residence beyond their own;
 - (iii) A self-isolating person may access outdoor public spaces on Settlement Land and are required to maintain at least 2-metres in physical distance from other persons;
 - (iv) A self-isolating person may access the VGFN Traditional Territory beyond Settlement Land for traditional pursuits while complying with all other measures; and
 - (v) Any other exceptions that may be authorized in advance by Council resolution;
 - (e) All persons on Settlement Land must wear a mask in all indoor and outdoor public spaces if physical distancing of at least 2 metres is not possible.
3. This COVID-19 Emergency Order will come into effect immediately upon this Council resolution being published in accordance with the Act and will remain in effect for the duration of the COVID-19 Emergency Declaration.
 4. This COVID-19 Emergency Order may be amended by the Council, at any time during the duration of the COVID-19 Emergency Declaration, in accordance with the Act.
 5. Any person who does not comply with the Order 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 August 6, 2021 at Old Crow, Yukon.



Chief Dana Tizya-Tramm



Deputy Chief Paul Josie



Councillor Tracy Rispin

