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COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Resolution: #116-2020

Subject: Amendment to Motion #044-2020 Response to COVID-19 Outbreak

Date: June 24, 2020

WHEREAS: There continues to be a rapidly evolving global pandemic situation regarding the outbreak of novel coronavirus (“COVID-19”);

WHEREAS: The health and safety of the First Nation of Na-Cho Nyak Dun (“NND”) community and NND Citizens is of primary importance;

WHEREAS: In particular, the health and safety of NND elders, who are particularly vulnerable to COVID-19, is vital;

WHEREAS: NND faces increased risk resulting from COVID-19 due to its remote location, prevalent mining and industrial activity in our territory, and reduced access to adequate health care;

WHEREAS: Beginning July 1st, 2020 the Yukon’s Chief Medical Officer and the Yukon Government will open the border to outside travelers, allowing people from British Columbia, the Northwest Territories and Nunavut to travel directly to Yukon without the need to self-isolate for 14 days and travelers from other provinces to enter, as long as they self-isolate in Whitehorse, for two weeks.

WHEREAS: Consistent with NND’s emergency powers under our Self-Government Agreement, Constitution, and *Government Act* and pursuant to our inherent rights as a self-governing Indigenous people;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. All NND Citizens returning from provinces, not including BC, NWT or Nunavut, self-quarantine for 14 days
2. All NND Citizens and non NND citizens living on settlement land feeling cold or flu-like symptoms self-quarantine for 14 days;
3. All NND government offices and public buildings under NND authority shall remain closed to the public until further notice. NND staff will return to work and follow COVID guidelines.
4. All NND Citizens are to continue to practice social distancing. Indoor gatherings up to ten people are restricted to the “family bubble” and maintain at least 2 meters’ distance between individuals who do not live together in the same home;

Outdoor gatherings up to 50 people are allowed ONLY if maintaining the 2 meters' between individuals is possible.

5. All NND Citizens are urged to follow the recommendations of federal and Yukon public health officials, limiting all non-essential travel;
6. All non-essential travel to NND territory from other regions in the Yukon and Canada be minimized, where possible;
7. We call on all mining and industrial operators working within the Traditional Territory to provide NND with their updated Covid protocols, including specific measures to minimize exposure to citizens and the community of Mayo.
8. NND Chief and Council will continue to monitor the situation closely and, if required, shall implement enforcement measures for the above to ensure the health and safety of all members of the NND community.

Moved By: Barb Buyck

Seconded By: Sharon Peter

Decision: Passed By Consensus: X

Passed By Majority:

Defeated:

In Favour:

Opposed:

Abstained:

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