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VUNTUT GWITCHIN FIRST NATION

COUNCIL RESOLUTION 05-30-2023 – #29

RE: CONTINUATION OF COMMUNITY EMERGENCY DECLARATION AND ORDER REGARDING DANGEROUS OFFENDER

WHEREAS:

- A. On October 7, 2022, Council of the Vuntut Gwitchin First Nation ("VGFN") passed resolution 10-07-2022 making a Community Emergency Declaration and Order under the Community Emergency Act (the "Act") for a period of 90 days regarding a dangerous offender, CHRISTOPHER RUSSELL SCHAFER, born April 17, 1977 (the "dangerous offender").
- B. On February 17, 2023, Council of the VGFN passed resolution 02-17-2023 #05 making a further Community Emergency Declaration and Order under the Act for another period of 90 days regarding the dangerous offender.
- C. VGFN has learned that the dangerous offender is, or may imminently be, released from custody in Whitehorse, Yukon.
- D. Council continues to reasonably believe, in the circumstances, that:
 - (1) the dangerous offender poses a preventable, foreseeable, imminent, or actual danger to life, health and safety on VGFN Settlement Land which constitutes a "Community Emergency" within the meaning of the Act; and
 - (2) certain special temporary measures are necessary to address the preventable, foreseeable, imminent, or actual danger to life, health and safety posed by the dangerous offender.
- E. Council wishes to make a new Community Emergency Declaration and Order under the Act for another period of 90 days regarding the dangerous offender

THEREFORE 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 dangerous offender.
- 2. This Community Emergency Declaration shall 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(a) of the Act establishing the following special temporary measures in relation to the Community Emergency Declaration set out above:
 - (a) The dangerous offender is hereby prohibited from entering, accessing, using or otherwise being upon VGFN Settlement Land due to the preventable, foreseeable, imminent, and actual risks posed to life, health and safety on Settlement Land if the dangerous offender is permitted to return to Old Crow upon release from custody.
 - (b) No person shall counsel, aid or abet the dangerous offender in entering, accessing, using or otherwise being upon VGFN Settlement Land contrary to the special temporary measure set out under paragraph 3(a) of this Community Emergency Order.
- 4. This Community Emergency Order 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 Community Emergency Declaration set out above.
- 5. This Community Emergency Order may be amended at any time during the duration of the Community Emergency Declaration pursuant to section 9 of the Act.

7. Any person who does not comply with this Community Emergency Order commits an offence under the Act and is liable on summary conviction to imprisonment for a term of six months.

THIS RESOLUTION being duly approved by a consensus of the Council at a meeting duly convened on May 30, 2023 at Old Crow, Yukon.

Chief Pauline Frost

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Councillor Jeneen Frei Niootli