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VUNTUT GWITCHIN FIRST NATION COUNCIL RESOLUTION 12102021 – #51

RE: AMENDED COMMUNITY EMERGENCY ORDER #2 RELATED TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC PURSUANT TO THE COMMUNITY EMERGENCY ACT

WHEREAS:

- A. On November 12, 2021, Council passed Council resolution 11122021 #47 which:
 - (1) made a second 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 at the time (the "COVID-19 Emergency Declaration #2"); and
 - (2) made a Community Emergency Order pursuant to pursuant to section 7 of the Act establishing certain special temporary measures in relation to the COVID-19 Emergency Declaration #2 (the "COVID-19 Emergency Order #2").
- B. As of December 10, 2021, there are now 4 confirmed cases of COVID-19 active in the community of Old Crow thereby significantly increasing the risk to the health, safety and welfare of community members on Settlement Land.
- C. Based on the specific nature of the COVID-19 pandemic, and in consideration of the current circumstances within the Yukon and community of Old Crow, the Council wishes to amend the special temporary measures previously established under COVID-19 Emergency Order #2.

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

- 1. The COVID-19 Emergency Order #2 is hereby amended pursuant to section 9 of the Act replacing the special temporary measures previously established under Council resolution 11122021 #47 with those set out below (the "Amended COVID-19 Emergency Order #2"):
 - (a) All persons on Settlement Land must immediately self-isolate and remain in their own residence for a period of 14 days subject only to the following exceptions:
 - (i) persons in one residence may form and maintain a social bubble with persons from up to one other residence beyond their own;
 - (ii) persons may access indoor and outdoor public spaces on Settlement Land with the requirements to maintain at least 2-metres in physical distance from other persons and to wear a mask;

- (iii) persons may access the Vuntut Gwitchin First Nation Traditional Territory beyond Settlement Land for traditional pursuits while complying with all other measures under this Amended COVID-19 Emergency Order #2;
- (iv) persons may cease self-isolation earlier than the prescribed 14 days upon providing sufficient proof to the community COVID-19 coordinator of a negative COVID-19 test result within the past 24 hours; and
- (v) such other exceptions that may be expressly authorized in advance by Council;
- (b) Any person on Settlement Land that is experiencing symptoms associated with COVID-19, has tested positive for COVID-19 in the previous 14 days, or that comes into close contact with another person who has tested positive for COVID-19 in the previous 14 days, must immediately notify the Old Crow Health Centre and continue to self-isolate in accordance with 1(a) of this Amended COVID-19 Emergency Order #2.
- (c) All persons are strictly prohibited from travelling to and from the community of Old Crow on Settlement Land from anywhere outside of the Vuntut Gwitchin First Nation Traditional Territory unless expressly authorized in advance by Council for essential travel purposes and subject to the requirement to submit a completed Declaration for Entry to Old Crow 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 pursuant to 1(a) of this Amended 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 1(c)(iv) of this Amended COVID-19 Emergency Order #2, 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 1(c)(iii) of this Amended COVID-19 Emergency Order #2, submitting to COVID-19 testing immediately upon arrival to Old Crow;
- (d) Until such time that it is confirmed there are no active COVID-19 cases in Old Crow, any gatherings between persons on Settlement Land whatsoever are strictly prohibited except as between persons that live together in the same residence or that belong to a social bubble between two residences as permitted under 1(a)(i) of this Amended COVID-19 Emergency Order #2;
- (e) The Vuntut Gwitchin Government COVID-19 coordinator shall have the authority to administer COVID-19 testing in accordance with this Amended COVID-19 Emergency Order #2;

- 2. This Amended 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.
- 3. This Amended 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.
- 4. Any person who does not comply with this Amended 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 December 9, 2021 at Old Crow, Yukon.

Chief Dana Tizya-Tramm	Deputy Chief Paul Josie
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