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VUNTUT GWITCHIN FIRST NATION

COUNCIL RESOLUTION 02-17-2023 – #05

RE: EXTENSION OF COMMUNITY EMERGENCY DECLARATION AND ORDER REGARDING DANGEROUS OFFENDER TO OLD CROW

WHEREAS:

- A. CHRISTOPHER RUSSELL SCHAFER, born April 17, 1977, (the “Dangerous Offender”) is a prolific serial dangerous offender who has committed serious violent and sexual offences against women and girls on Settlement Land of the Vuntut Gwitchin First Nation (“VGFN”) and elsewhere.
- B. VGFN has learned that the Dangerous Offender has been released from custody in Whitehorse the week of February 6, 2023, and he is currently on Probation.
- C. VGG understands the Probation Order stipulates the following conditions for the Dangerous Offender:
- Keep the peace and be of good behaviour.
 - Appear before the court when required to do so by the court.
 - Notify the court, in advance, of any change or name or address, and, promptly, of any change in employment or occupation.
 - Have no contact directly or indirectly or communication in any way with certain persons.
 - Do not go to any known place or residence, employment or education of certain persons.
- D. Every person on Settlement Land has the right to life, liberty and security of the person, and to not be subjected to infringements of that right without justification.
- E. If Council reasonably believes that a preventable, foreseeable, imminent, or actual danger exists to life, health or safety 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.
- F. 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 under the Act to establish such special temporary measures.
- G. Council made a Community Emergency Declaration on October 7, 2022 for 90 days. This declaration expired on January 5, 2023, while the Dangerous Offender was in custody.

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 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 Settlement Land due to the preventable, foreseeable, imminent, and actual risks posed to life, health and safety on Settlement Land.
 - (b) No person shall counsel, aid or abet the Dangerous Offender in entering, accessing, using or otherwise being upon 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.
6. 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.

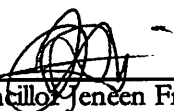
THIS RESOLUTION being duly approved by a quorum of the Council at a meeting duly convened on February 17, 2023 at Old Crow, Yukon.



Chief Pauline Frost



Deputy Chief Debra-Leigh Reti



Councillor Jeneen Frei Njootli