



**VUNTUT GWITCHIN GOVERNMENT**  
**Government of Vuntut Gwitchin First Nation**

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**VUNTUT GWITCHIN FIRST NATION**

**COUNCIL RESOLUTION 08-10-2023 – #44**

**RE: DESIGNATION OF COMMUNITY SAFETY OFFICERS DURING WILDFIRE AND SMOKE  
COMMUNITY EMERGENCY**

**WHEREAS:**

- A. If Council reasonably believes that an emergency exists 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;
- B. 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;
- C. On August 3, 2023, Council passed resolution 08-03-2023 - #42 which, pursuant to the Act, made and brought into effect:
  - (1) a Community Emergency Declaration based on upon the active and imminent threats posed by wildfires and wildfire smoke near and around Old Crow on Vuntut Gwitchin First Nation Settlement Land (the “August 3, 2023 Declaration”);
  - (2) a Community Emergency Order establishing certain temporary measures necessary to address the active and imminent threats posed by wildfires and wildfire smoke near and around Old Crow on Vuntut Gwitchin First Nation Settlement Land (the “August 3, 2023 Order”);
- D. On August 9, 2023, Council passed resolution 08-09-2023 - #43, which, pursuant to the Act, amended the August 3, 2023 Order to provide for the immediate evacuation of Settlement Land by all persons except peace officers, emergency personnel and other persons with authority to remain in Old Crow (including those persons authorized by the Vuntut Gwitchin Government) (the “August 9, 2023 Evacuation Order”); and
- E. Council now wishes to designate certain persons as Community Safety Officers pursuant to section 10 of the Act with all the powers and duties prescribed by the Act and authority to remain on Settlement Land during the August 9, 2023 Evacuation Order;

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

Designation and Authorization of Community Safety Officers

1. Council designates the following persons as Community Safety Officers pursuant to section 10 of the Act:
  - (a) Andrew (Douglas) Charlie;
  - (b) Duane Debastion;
  - (c) Daniel Frost;
  - (d) Marvin Frost Sr.;
  - (e) Travis Frost;
  - (f) Danny Kassi;
  - (g) Vernon Kyikavichik;
  - (h) Stanley Njootli Sr.; and
  - (i) Josh Tetlich.(the “VGFN CSOs”).
2. The VGFN CSO’s shall have all of the powers and duties provided for by section 10 of the Act in relation to the August 3, 2023 Declaration and August 9, 2023 Evacuation Order, which is to:
  - (a) promote the health, safety and welfare of persons on Settlement Land, including promoting compliance with the August 9, 2023 Evacuation Order;
  - (b) notify any persons on Settlement Land of the August 3, 2023 Declaration and August 9, 2023 Evacuation Order, including by posting signs and written notices;
  - (c) issue warnings to any persons where a VGFN CSO reasonably believes that the actions, activities or undertakings of such persons on Settlement Land are not in compliance with the August 9, 2023 Evacuation Order;
  - (d) investigate, document and report to Council any actions, activities or undertakings of persons on Settlement Land that the VGFN CSO’s reasonably believes are not in compliance with the August 9, 2023 Evacuation Order; and
  - (e) request the assistance of a peace officer in addressing any apprehended, imminent or actual dangers to the health, safety and welfare of persons on Settlement Land.
3. The VGFN CSO’s are authorized to remain on Settlement Land for the duration of the August 9, 2023 Evacuation Order or until otherwise directed by Council.
4. The persons designated as the VGFN CSO’s under paragraph 1 of this resolution shall cease to have such designation and to hold the powers and duties under section 10 of the Act upon notice of the Council and no later than the date on which the August 3, 2023 Order expires or is cancelled.

5. Section 1(d) of the August 3, 2023 Order and the previous designation of certain persons as Community Safety Officers by Council thereunder is hereby repealed by this resolution.

**THIS RESOLUTION** being duly approved by a quorum of the Council at a meeting duly convened on August 9, 2023 at Old Crow, Yukon.



Chief Pauline Frost



Acting Deputy Chief Crystal Linklater



Councillor Debra-Leigh Reti



Councillor Harold Frost Jr.