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VUNTUT GWITCHIN FIRST NATION

COUNCIL RESOLUTION 09-14-2023 – #50

RE: RESCINDING AUGUST 3, 2023 COMMUNITY EMERGENCY DECLARATION

WHEREAS:

- A. On August 3, 2023, Council passed resolution 08-03-2023 - #42 which, pursuant to the Community Emergency Act (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 “Community Emergency Declaration”); and
 - (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, including the provision of an evacuation alert and authorization for emergency payments (the “August 3 Evacuation Alert”);
- B. On August 9, 2023, on recommendation of the Government of Yukon Wildland Fire Management (“WFM”) and in coordination with Government of Yukon Emergency Measures Organization (“EMO”), Council passed resolution 08-09-2023 - #43, which, pursuant to the Act, amended the August 3 Evacuation Alert to order the evacuation of Settlement Land due to an elevated risk of danger to residents and occupants of Old Crow (the “August 9 Evacuation Order”);
- C. On August 14, 2023, in consultation with the WFM and EMO, Council passed resolution 08-14-2023 - #46 to rescind the August 9 Evacuation Order and bring into effect an evacuation alert for Old Crow as a special temporary measure under the Act (the “August 14 Evacuation Alert”) while keeping in effect the Community Emergency Declaration and Council’s authorizations for emergency payments and designations of community safety officer under the Act;
- D. On August 28, 2023, following further consultation with WFM, Council rescinded the August 14 Evacuation Alert while keeping in effect the Community Emergency Declaration and Council’s authorizations for emergency payments and designations of community safety officer under the Act; and
- E. Council now reasonably believes that the wildfire and smoke threats to the community of Old Crow now longer constitutes a community emergency and wishes to rescind the Community Emergency Declaration and all Council authorizations made under the Act in relation to the Community Emergency Declaration.

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

Rescinding August 3, 2023 Community Emergency Declaration

1. The Community Emergency Declaration made on August 3, 2023 by Council resolution 08-03-2023 - #42 is hereby repealed pursuant to section 6 of the Act, including the special temporary measures and designations of community safety officers made by Council under the Act in relation to the Community Emergency Declaration.

THIS RESOLUTION being duly approved by a consensus of the Council at a meeting duly convened on September 14, 2023 at Old Crow, Yukon.



Chief Pauline Frost



Deputy Chief Debra-Leigh Reti



Councillor Crystal Linklater



Councillor Harold Frost Jr.