

April 1, 2020



COVID19: Notice to Wasauksing Cottagers

As we continue to respond to the unprecedented and quickly evolving COVID-19 global pandemic, the Chief and Council of Wasauksing First Nation (WFN) have issued the attached Emergency Response Order # 2 (March 31, 2020).

Please be advised that, as of April 1, 2020 all persons are prohibited from entering onto and from remaining on Wasauksing Lands for the purpose of accessing, visiting, staying at or residing within any cottage, lot, area or portion of the properties held by way of the head lease. Temporary entry exemptions are still in effect for essential service related travel. This Order will stay in effect until our community has removed the State of Emergency.

Any cottagers who are already on Wasauksing and feel that they are unable to leave for health reasons are required to contact our Director of Health immediately at doh@wasauksing.ca.

This was an extremely difficult decision and one that was not made lightly. We value our relationship with each of you and our Order #2 is meant to protect our vulnerable population, especially our youth and Elders who we must protect at all costs.

WFN is not alone with this direction and our concerns. Yesterday, Canada's Chief Public Health Officer stressed the danger of COVID-19 for First Nations and noted that this week is a vital time to help flatten the spread of COVID-19. In addition, both the Province of Ontario and the Federation of Ontario Cottagers Associations have stressed the importance of not going to seasonal cottages during this time.

Our Management and staff are currently working on property tax relief options and we look forward to sharing more information on proposed measures soon. WFN will also ensure that regular patrols are completed in the cottage lot area and that any suspicious activity is reported to the police for the duration of Emergency Response Order # 2. We will also request the Anishinabek Police Service to increase patrols in the cottage lot area to help keep on eye on your cottages and lots.

We look forward to the day that life returns closer to normal so that we can welcome cottagers back to our community.

Chi-Miigwetch for your patience and understanding during this difficult time. Please stay safe!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Wally Tabobondung". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Chief Warren (Wally) Tabobondung



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EMERGENCY RESPONSE ORDER #2

March 31, 2020

WHEREAS:

- A. The Wasauksing First Nation has enacted the *Wasauksing First Nation Temporary Emergency Response Law* (the "Emergency Response Law");
- B. A State of Emergency has been declared by the Wasauksing First Nation Council ("Council") in accordance with the Emergency Response Law (the "State of Emergency"), as a result of the of the imminent and serious threat to human health caused by the COVID-19 global pandemic (the "Pandemic");
- C. Chief Warren Tabobondung and Deborah Pegahmagabow, Wasauksing First Nation Director of Health, have been authorized by Council to make orders and declarations in order to deal with the State of Emergency in accordance with the Emergency Response Law (the "Emergency Designates");
- D. The Emergency Designates made an Order dated March 27, 2020 to preserve the health and welfare of Citizens and residents of the reserve lands set apart for the use and benefit of Wasauksing First Nation Citizens ("Wasauksing Lands") as a result of the Pandemic; and
- E. The Emergency Designates consider it necessary and in the best interests of Wasauksing First Nation to make the following additional order (the "Order") to preserve the health and welfare of Citizens and residents of the Wasauksing Lands as a result of the escalating effects of the Pandemic,

NOW THEREFORE:

The Emergency Designates hereby make the following Order:

1. Effective as of the date of this Order, all persons are prohibited from entering onto and from remaining on Wasauksing Lands for the purpose of accessing, visiting, staying at or residing within any cottage, lot, area or portion of the properties held by way of head lease by Wasauksing Lands Inc. and described as

Lots 1-72 inclusive, Plan 5061 C.L.S.R,

Lots 73-143 inclusive, Plan 5062 C.L.S.R., and



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Lots 144-244 inclusive, Plan 51788 C.L.S.R.,

together with the intervening and adjoining roads and the shore reservation of all of the said lots and Plans

(the "Leased Lands"),

and all persons are prohibited from entering onto and from remaining on the Leased Lands, with the following exceptions for temporary entry:

- a) police officers, paramedics, firefighters, other emergency responders and health care providers required to access the Leased Lands in the course of their duties;
- b) individuals providing essential services as defined by the Province of Ontario who must enter onto the Leased Lands as part of their employment;
- c) emergency repair service providers, where emergency repairs are reasonably required in the Leased Lands;
- d) Canada Post carriers and persons making shipments and deliveries of goods and mail required within the Leased Lands;
- e) individuals staying on the Leased Lands as of the date of this Order who cannot immediately leave for health reasons, and who have received written permission to stay on the Leased Lands for a specified period of time from a person who is authorized by Council to make orders to deal with the State of Emergency; and
- f) any person or category of persons designated in writing by Council or by the Emergency Designate as permitted to temporarily enter onto Wasauksing Lands or the Leased Lands for specified purposes,

provided all such exempted persons take all reasonable and required precautions to avoid the spread of COVID-19 while they are on Wasauksing Lands and leave the Leased Lands and Wasauksing Lands as soon as possible, or immediately after carrying out their required duties or business.

2. This Order comes into effect on the date that it is made and remains in effect while the State of Emergency is in effect, unless earlier revoked by Council or by a person who is authorized by Council to make orders in accordance with the Emergency Response Law.
3. Any person who



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- a) violates any term or violates the provision of this Order;
- b) suffers or permits any act or thing to be done in contravention or in violation of this Order; or
- c) neglects to do or refrains from doing any act or thing required by this Order,

is guilty of an offence under the Emergency Response Law, and is liable, on summary conviction, to a fine of not more than \$5000 or to a term of imprisonment not exceeding 30 days, or both, for each day a violation of this Order continues.

This Order is made and comes into effect on the 31st day of March, 2020, at Wasauksing, in the Province of Ontario.

Emergency Designates:


Chief Warren Tabobondung
Wasauksing First Nation


Deborah Pegahmagabow
Director of Health, Wasauksing First Nation