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CHIEF & COUNCIL NOTICE MAY 1st, 2020

Ahnii Dinwehndaagmuk, the Flower Moon is now here and we wish all the gardeners well as many have begun sowing seeds and are preparing the soil for planting. More birds are returning and the frogs have woken up. Chi Miigwetch to the Creator and our ancestors for always walking alongside us.

Chief & Council would like to say a big Chi Miigwetch to all of the community volunteers who have been giving their time to protect our borders and the community at the COVID-19 Security Check point. This work is truly appreciated and a sign of unity that Wasauksing will get through this together! WFN administration staff will also be helping to run the checkpoint as it evolves to include public health information.

Miigwetch to every member of our nation for doing their part and physical distancing and caring for one another. We are happy to report, we have no reported COVID-19 cases in the community. As of May 1st the District of Parry Sound has 4 confirmed cases.

Ongoing Important ERT Info:

WFN Staff continues to work hard to ensure ongoing programming in a new and 'COVID safe' way. If you need information or support call the Health Station: **705-746-8022** or E-mail the WFN Emergency Response Team at: ert@wasauksing.ca Emergency Orders and notices are listed at www.wasauksing.ca Tune into Rez Radio 91.3 FM for regular updates.

- WFN programming updates are posted on Facebook on the Wasauksing Administration Page.

-Anishinabek Police Service **APS** is supporting and enforcing the Orders at:
1-888-310-1122

-Small fires are permitted for warmth, cooking, and ceremony.

- The ERT will continue the COVID-19 Security Checkpoint and vehicle registration to WFN. Vehicles entering Wasauksing First Nation will receive an updated resident and essential travel pass. Vehicles that do not meet any of the criteria of Resident and or Essential travel will continue to be turned away. Essential travel is currently listed by the Province of Ontario and in our Orders. To reduce the chance of bringing the virus into the community we ask that you make as minimal trips as possible.

-WFN members who live in town or regionally will be granted temporary access to the community to deliver essential supplies but are encouraged not to enter households as you could carry in the virus. Ensure you practice physical distancing (2 meters apart from each other).

-If you are an off-reserve WFN member returning to the community to live, please contact the ERT. You must register, you will be required to go into a 14-day self-isolation period; you will be required to answer the following questions: Where are you returning from? Who/where will you be staying with?

- As this virus continues to spread, Wasauksing First Nation will adjust its measures accordingly. Please:

- Self isolate if you have been around someone who awaits testing or has tested positive;
- Physical distance of no less than 6 feet (2 metres)-this means outside of your home when gathering the essential items such as food and medications; wear a mask for extra precautions;
- Hand wash lots and lots, as well as use hand sanitizer; If you do have to sneeze, sneeze into your arm or tissue and dispose of immediately it and then wash your hands; don't touch your face, if you do, wash your hands;



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- Stay within the confines of your own home and yard, only leaving for a trip to town, to get your essential items such as food and medication, and for exercise and culture.
- Stay safe at home and consider it your safe bubble and protect it.

Miigwetch we appreciate all the efforts everyone is making and stay safe!

Chief & Council