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## **CHIEF & COUNCIL NOTICE JUNE 5, 2020**

Ahnii Dinwehndaagmuk,

As we have indicated over the past few weeks Chief and Council have been working closely with the WFN Director of Health, the Emergency Response Team, and relevant staff and community members to begin a plan to open up aspects of the WFN economy and administration in a new COVID safe way. We have taken a phased approach so as not to open everything at once and ensure new safety protocols are in place.

On Thursday June 4<sup>th</sup>, Wasauksing Chief and Council passed the Resolution below, which designates the details of Phase 1 opening. At the moment we are not allowing any short term recreational access to Wasauksing Lands and are implementing laws that restrict interaction, and ensure effective contact tracing. We believe we have done our best to keep the businesses listed operational while balancing risk and safety. However nothing can be 100% guaranteed. We plan to begin Phase 2 to expand the opening to further business and regions. If the ERT team endorses it, it will likely expand access to persons outside of the Parry Sound District through the same process to enter Wasauksing Lands.

In addition we are looking at the risks and benefits of expanding WFN community household 'bubbles' and group gatherings.

All WFN Administration buildings will remain closed until July 6<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

WFN administration staff continues to run the COVID-19 security checkpoint under the direction of the Emergency Response Team. Updated residents tags have been issued. If an individual attempts entry without a tag they will be turned away. Tags are issued by the Emergency Response Team at: [ert@wasauksing.ca](mailto:ert@wasauksing.ca)

Anishinabek Police Service **APS** is supporting and enforcing the Orders at:

**1-888-310-1122**

We are happy to report we have still no reported COVID-19 cases in the community.

WFN Staff continue to work hard to ensure ongoing programming in a new and 'COVID safe' way and look to the Wasauksing newsletter and FB page for departmental updates. For a copy of the digital newsletter E-mail: [newsletter@wasauksing.ca](mailto:newsletter@wasauksing.ca)

Miigwetch to every member of our nation for doing their part by physical distancing.



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Resolution [BCR 2020-0023](#):

**WHEREAS:**

- A. Wasauksing First Nation enacted the *Temporary Emergency Response Law* as amended by the *Temporary Emergency Response Law Amending Law* (collectively, the "Emergency Response Law");
- B. Wasauksing First Nation Council (the "Council") declared a State of Emergency on March 27, 2020 as a result of the imminent and serious threat to human health caused by the COVID-19 global pandemic;
- C. Wasauksing First Nation's Emergency Designates, in accordance with the Emergency Response Law, issued an Emergency Response Order on March 27, 2020 ("Order #1") and Emergency Response Order #2 on March 31, 2020 ("Order #2"), both as amended by Emergency Response Order #3 on June 4 2020 ("Order #3")(collectively, the "Emergency Orders"); and
- D. The Council wishes to designate certain categories of persons as permitted to enter onto Wasauksing Lands, in accordance with paragraph 1(g) of Order #1 and paragraph 1(f) of Order #2 (both as amended by Order #3), in order that Phase I of the re-opening of Wasauksing Lands can commence on June 5, 2020, with the appropriate measures in place to preserve the health and welfare of Citizens and residents of the Wasauksing Lands,

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT**

1. The Emergency Orders remain in force and effect, with the following categories of persons designated as permitted to enter onto Wasauksing Lands for the purposes specified, in accordance with paragraph 1(g) of Order #1 and paragraph 1(f) of Order #2, as amended by Order #3.
2. Commencing [9:00am EST] on June 5, 2020, certain persons are permitted to enter onto Wasauksing Lands for the following purposes and at the following locations:
  - a) for seasonal camping and docking purposes with advance reservations for a duration of at least 30 consecutive days at Wasauksing Marina & Campground, located at 891 Oak Point Road or at Bay and Creek Campground located at 2334 Shingwak Road; and
  - b) for seasonal cottage use at a cottage property located within the Leased Lands (as defined in Emergency Order #2), legally described as Lots 1-72 inclusive, Plan 5061 C.L.S.R., Lots 73-243 inclusive, Plan 5062 C.L.S.R. and Lots 74-244 inclusive, Plan 51788 C.L.S.R,

provided, however, that such persons meet the following conditions:



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- c) have their primary residences located within the District of Parry Sound;
- d) if multiple persons are to enter onto a campground site, marina slip, or cottage, as described at paragraphs 2(a) and (b), all such persons must share the same primary residence and may submit a single application under paragraphs 2(f) and (g) below;
- e) are not experiencing, and have not experienced for a period of fourteen days prior to entry, a cough, fever, or symptoms of cold, flu or COVID-19, nor been in direct contact with someone exhibiting these symptoms;
- f) for those persons seeking to enter onto Wasauksing Lands at the locations described at paragraph 2(a), have applied with the marina or campground where they intend to stay, and for those persons seeking to enter onto Wasauksing Lands at locations described at 2(b), have applied with the Wasauksing Emergency Response Team by email at [ert@wasauksing.ca](mailto:ert@wasauksing.ca);
- g) have applied a minimum of two business days prior to the date of arrival by submitting the following information on behalf of the applicant and any persons sharing the same primary residence who seek to enter onto Wasauksing Lands under the application:
  - i. the names, addresses, phone numbers, vehicle makes and models and licence plate numbers of the applicant(s),
  - ii. the location or address of the cottage, marina slip or campground site where the applicant(s) wish to stay,
  - iii. proof of reservations at the Wasauksing Marina & Campground or the Bay and Creek Campground, if applicable, and
  - iv. proof of primary residency of the applicant(s), by providing a copy of official identification that shows the home address of the applicant(s);
- h) after submitting the application under paragraphs 2(f) and (g), have received written authorization from the Wasauksing Emergency Response Team prior to arriving at Wasauksing Lands;
- i) at all times while on Wasauksing Lands, display in their vehicle windshield a valid permission to enter onto Wasauksing Lands, as issued by the Emergency Response Team and provided at the Security Checkpoint at the time of first entry;



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- j) remain in their vehicles at all times while on Wasauksing Lands except to access the locations identified in paragraphs 2(a) or (b), as applicable;
  - k) do not permit any visitors from outside of their household to enter their cottage property, boat or campsite, as applicable; and
  - l) take all other reasonable precautions to avoid the spread of COVID-19 while on Wasauksing Lands, such as maintaining appropriate social distancing of at least two meters.
3. For clarity, nothing in this Resolution alters any permissions that previously have been granted to any person or category of persons to enter onto Wasauksing Lands in accordance with an Emergency Response Order.
  4. The terms and conditions set out in this Resolution shall remain in effect while the Emergency Orders remain in effect, or until revoked or amended by Council or by an Emergency Designate.

Chi Miigwetch and have an excellent weekend full of rest and safety,

Chief and Council

**On-going Emergency Response Team Highlights:**

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

-If you are an off-reserve WFN member returning to the community to live, please contact the ERT. You must register 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?

**Our WFN mantra continues to be..**

1. Physical distancing 2 metres (6 ft.);
2. Sneeze and cough in your sleeve (if using a tissue, dispose & wash hands);
3. If you touch your face or other object, wash/sanitize your hands and the object;
4. Staying home (it is the safest refuge from the spread);
5. Only one person in the house assigned to go shopping with mask and other protective gear (gloves; hand sanitizer) not all stores supply, this does lower exposure and risk for others, if you happen to be asymptomatic (no noticeable symptoms); PREFERABLY ONCE/WEEK;
6. Washing/sanitizing of your hands continuously...before and after you touch something, sanitize the object too;
7. No more than 5 people at a gathering + physical distancing;
8. All clothes worn outside of the home, ideally should be removed, shoes left outside and clothes washed.