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CHIEF & COUNCIL NOTICE – JUNE 19, 2020

Ahnii Dinwehndaagmuk,

Happy Summer solstice, Happy Indigenous Day, Happy Father's Day, and Happy Pride!

Even during a pandemic we have so much to be grateful for. Chi Miigwetch to all of our community members that have done their part to keep Wasauksing COVID Safe. To our Staff, our citizens, and the WFN businesses that have sacrificed so much. Your actions have resulted in zero reported cases of COVID-19 in our community.

As a result of the pandemic, this year our National Indigenous Day celebrations are going on-line. WFN Staff have curated a Virtual celebration this Sunday June 21 starting at 9am, so please check the WFN Wasauksing Administration page for more performance details.

A highlight this year is that WFN is raising the rainbow pride flag to celebrate our 2 Spirited members. We believe it's important for WFN to be an inclusive nation that respects diversity and honours lesbian, gay, bi-sexual, trans and queer people (LGBTQ2S) - especially those from our Indigenous community. The impacts of colonization have often worked to shame our community with negative judgments about our own Indigenous culture and traditions. In our traditional past we did not carry the burden of these judgments and today we wish to challenge and transform them in order to build an accepting and caring environment for each other and our next generation.

The Phase 2 opening of WFN began last on June 12. The full order called **Emergency Response Order #4** is the latest order, which supersedes previous orders and is listed at www.wasauksing.ca

Our goal was to allow for increased access to WFN for businesses and family wellness while ensuring a COVID safe environment. We hope we achieved a balance of risk and safety by requiring that all eligible non-resident members seeking access to WFN apply by E-mail to the ERT team. ert@wasauksing.ca The mandatory registration will allow WFN to contact trace who is in our territory so we can effectively respond to a potential outbreak of COVID-19. *Everyone seeking access must register 2 business days prior to arrival. Registered individuals will receive vehicle tags. Remember: No Tag No Entry

Some highlights of Phase 2 outlined in Order 4 include:

- The expansion of WFN resident community household 'bubbles' and group gatherings to 10.
- WFN residents can register to have non-resident visitors by E-mailing the ERT team.
- WFN members with seasonal residences have access through E-mailing the ERT Team.
- The seasonal economy such as the marina, camping, and cottages have also opened up to visitors staying 30 days or longer who are registered with the ERT and comply with COVID safe practices.

All WFN Administration buildings will remain closed until July 6th, 2020.

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

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

Miigwetch and stay safe!