



**NESKANTAGA FIRST NATION
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF AND COUNCIL**

To: To Whom It May Concern

From: Chief Christopher Moonias, Neskantaga FN

Date: April 8, 2020

RE: COUNCIL MOTION 2020-21-001 ON COVID-19 FLIGHT RESTRICTIONS

This is to inform you that the Chief and Council has passed a motion to implement flight restrictions to Neskantaga First Nation effective immediately to minimize the risk of COVID-19 coming in to the community. Only North Star Air will be permitted to operate twice a week between Thunder Bay (YQT) and Sioux Lookout (YXL) on Tuesdays and Thursdays to mobilize essential personnel and services such as nurses, doctors, law enforcement and delivery of essential freight, cargo, medical supplies and equipment.

We understand and are assured that North Star Air will take every necessary enhanced precautionary measure to ensure the protection of the health, safety and wellbeing of Neskantaga FN memberships is paramount. The following measures include, but not limited to the following, enhanced screening of passengers, passengers not to deplane unnecessarily in community stopovers, masks be made available to passengers, sanitization of aircrafts etc.

We also understand that North Star agrees to take any necessary steps in modifying its schedule to accommodate this directive.

With exception of the above, the following circumstances are permitted only on emergencies and extenuating circumstances should North Star Air become unavailable or delayed in responding.

- a. Medical emergencies
- b. Picking of COVID-19 test swabs to be tested and processed immediately.
- c. Delivery of medical supplies including medication for community members and residents.
- d. Delivery of goods and essential equipment and supplies.
- e. Police emergencies
- f. Humanitarian efforts
- g. Responses to critical infrastructure failure
- h. Maintenance of airport and hydro

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,