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The Council of the NIBINAMIK FIRST NATION

Date of duly convened meeting


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13	05	2020

Nibinamik First Nation hereby declares an emergency in accordance with the Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act, R.S.O. 1990, c.E.9, s.4 (1) Due to the emergency described herein:

- Whereas;** Nibinamik First Nation represents over 539 members, both on and off reserve and has an inherent responsibility to protect their health, safety and wellbeing, and;
- Whereas;** The outbreak of COVID-19 was declared a global pandemic by the World Health Organization, with all Governments advised to take all necessary precautions to prevent the spread of COVID-19 virus, and;
- Whereas;** The spread of the virus would be intensified in Nibinamik First Nation due to conditions of overcrowding, remoteness and lack of resources, and;
- Whereas;** Food, medicine and other essentials are of short supply and difficult to acquire due to remoteness of Nibinamik First Nation, and;
- Whereas;** Existing infrastructure, specially the Diesel Generators are failing causing frequent power outages, causing Interruptions in heat, lighting, water and sanitation services, and;
- Whereas;** Community members with life threatening conditions requiring at home medical treatment (such a dialysis) Are at an unacceptable level of risk without power, and;
- Whereas;** There is no back up generator at the designed infirmary site, and;
- Whereas;** Food security are magnified by the risk of loss of perishables stored in community freezers, and;
- Whereas;** Internet service is slow and unreliable, seriously limiting the effective receipt of critical emails and Notifications and the circulation of information to community members, and;
- Whereas;** There are no back up options for essential services, risking inability to deliver essential services should Those providing them fall ill;
- Therefore, Be It Resolved;** Nibinamik First Nation hereby declare a State of Emergency effective immediately and the risks defined herein are resolved and it is rescinded by subsequent order;
- Be It Further Resolved;** All available personnel and resources are hereby directed to the health, wellbeing and security of Nibinamik First Nation;
- Be It Further Resolved;** Nibinamik First Nation calls on all levels of government to provide support and work with CRTC and internet providers to immediately take action to increase bandwidth in Nibinamik.


- And Be It Resolved;** All community members are directed to practice increased hygiene, cleaning and social distancing measures as directed by Chief and Council and Health Care Professionals;
- And Be It Resolved;** Arrangements must be made for the immediate installation of the (2) replacement Generators delivered by winter road this year;
- And Be It Resolved;** That Nibinamik First Nation has started the gathering of traditional foods with hunters, trappers and fishers and the collection of traditional medicines.
- And Be It Resolved;** That Nibinamik First Nation is requesting a meeting with the Regional Director General To address the installation of the diesel generators and calling on the Federal Government to prioritize and streamline funding to facilitate an immediate start to Installation of the diesel generators to eliminate daily power outages and their impact.
- Therefore, Finally Be It Resolved;** That Nibinamik First Nation is calling on all levels of government to come Together to provide funding and emergency management supports to position Nibinamik First Nation to respond to the COVID-19 Global Pandemic.

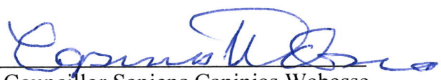
Quorum (3)


Chief Sheldon Oskineegish


Deputy Chief Michael Sugarhead


Councillor Richard Roundhead


Councillor Gershom Beaver


Councillor Sapiens Capinias Wabasse