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PUBLIC NOTICE

State of Emergency Declaration

Webequie First Nation

Date: Thursday, May 29, 2025

Webequie First Nation Chief and Council hereby declare a **State of Emergency**, effective immediately, in response to the growing threat posed by wildfire smoke and the possibility of shifting wind conditions directing smoke and fire toward the community.

This decision has been made in the interest of protecting public health and safety. The wildfire (NIP005) continues to burn near the community and, with unpredictable weather and wind patterns, there is an increasing risk of dangerous smoke exposure and possible encroachment of the fire zone.

Key actions under this declaration include:

- **Activation of Emergency Response Protocols**
- **Initiation of Phase 1 Evacuation** (for elders, children, prenatales, chronically ill, special needs, and mobility-impaired individuals)
- **Ongoing coordination** with the Provincial Emergency Operations Centre (PEOC), Emergency Management Ontario (EMO), Indigenous Services Canada (ISC), and health authorities

All community members are urged to remain indoors as much as possible, limit outdoor activities, and monitor for further instructions through official Webequie communication channels (Facebook, radio, public announcements).

We are committed to keeping our residents informed and safe as we continue to monitor the situation closely and respond accordingly.

Chief Cornelius Wabasse
on behalf of Webequie First Nation Chief and Council