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VUNTUT GWITCHIN FIRST NATION
COUNCIL RESOLUTION 10-07-2022

RE: COMMUNITY EMERGENCY DECLARATION AND ORDER REGARDING THE IMMINENT RELEASE OF DANGEROUS OFFENDER TO THE COMMUNITY OF OLD CROW

WHEREAS:

- A. CHRISTOPHER RUSSELL SCHAFFER, born April 17, 1977, (the “**Dangerous Offender**”) is a prolific serial dangerous offender who has committed serious violent and sexual offences against women and girls on Settlement Land of the Vuntut Gwitchin First Nation (“**VGFN**”) and elsewhere.
- B. By an order of the Territorial Court of Yukon dated October 7, 2022, 22-1427248 Court file 22-00403 (the “**Court Order**”) the Dangerous Offender has been ordered to be released from the Whitehorse Correctional Centre on October 8, 2022 at 7:00am and to board an Air North flight to Old Crow at 10:15am on October 8, 2022.
- C. The Court Order was made with no notice, consideration or consultation with VGFN whatsoever and does not contain any conditions to protect all persons on Settlement Land, including the Dangerous Offender, from the preventable, foreseeable, imminent, and actual risks posed to life, health and safety on Settlement Land if the Dangerous Offender is permitted to return to Old Crow under the terms of the Court Order.
- D. The Canadian justice system has repeatedly failed VGFN and the community of Old Crow. Every person on Settlement Land has the right to life, liberty and security of the person, and to not be subjected to infringements of that right without justification.
- E. If Council reasonably believes that a preventable, foreseeable, imminent, or actual danger exists to life, health or safety on Settlement Land, then Council may make a Community Emergency Declaration pursuant to section 5 of the Community Emergency Act (the “**Act**”) declaring that a Community Emergency exists within the meaning of the Act.
- F. If a Community Emergency Declaration is made under the Act, and Council reasonably believes that certain special temporary measures are necessary to address the existing Community Emergency, then Council may also make a Community Emergency Order under the Act to establish such special temporary measures.

THEREFORE THE COUNCIL OF THE VUNTUT GWITCHIN FIRST NATION RESOLVES THAT:

Community Emergency Declaration

1. This Community Emergency Declaration is hereby made by Council pursuant to section 5 of the Act in relation to the Dangerous Offender.

2. This Community Emergency Declaration shall come into effect immediately upon this Council resolution being published in accordance with the section 5 of the Act and will remain in effect for a period of 90 days unless terminated earlier or extended pursuant to section 6 of the Act.

Community Emergency Order

3. This Community Emergency Order is hereby made by Council pursuant to section 7(a) of the Act establishing the following special temporary measures in relation to the Community Emergency Declaration set out above:
 - (a) The Dangerous Offender is hereby prohibited from entering, accessing, using or otherwise being upon Settlement Land due to the preventable, foreseeable, imminent, and actual risks posed to life, health and safety on Settlement Land where the Dangerous Offender is permitted to return to Old Crow pursuant to the terms of the Court Order.
 - (b) No person shall counsel, aid or abet the Dangerous Offender in entering, accessing, using or otherwise being upon Settlement Land contrary to the special temporary measure set out under paragraph 3(a) of this Community Emergency Order.
4. This Community Emergency Order will come into effect immediately upon this Council resolution being published in accordance with section 8 of the Act and will remain in effect for the duration of the Community Emergency Declaration set out above.
5. This Community Emergency Order may be amended at any time during the duration of the Community Emergency Declaration pursuant to section 9 of the Act.
6. Any person who does not comply with this Community Emergency Order commits an offence under the Act and is liable on summary conviction to imprisonment for a term of six months.


THIS RESOLUTION being duly approved by a consensus of the Council at a meeting duly convened on October 7, 2022 at Old Crow, Yukon.



Chief Dana Tizya-Tramm



Deputy Chief Paul Josie



Councillor Bonnee Bingham