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VUNTUT GWITCHIN FIRST NATION

COUNCIL RESOLUTION 08-14-2023 – #46

RE: RESCINDING AUGUST 9, 2023 EVACUATION ORDER

WHEREAS:

- A. On August 3, 2023, Council passed resolution 08-03-2023 - #42 which, pursuant to the Community Emergency Act (the “Act”), made and brought into effect:
- (1) a Community Emergency Declaration based on upon the active and imminent threats posed by wildfires and wildfire smoke near and around Old Crow on Vuntut Gwitchin First Nation Settlement Land (the “August 3, 2023 Declaration”); and
 - (2) a Community Emergency Order establishing certain temporary measures necessary to address the active and imminent threats posed by wildfires and wildfire smoke near and around Old Crow on Vuntut Gwitchin First Nation Settlement Land, including the provision of an evacuation alert and authorization for emergency payments (the “August 3, 2023 Order”);
- B. On August 9, 2023, on recommendation of the Government of Yukon Wildland Fire Management (“WFM”) and in coordination with Government of Yukon Emergency Measures Organization (“EMO”), Council passed resolution 08-09-2023 - #43, which, pursuant to the Act, amended the August 3, 2023 Order to provide for the evacuation of Settlement Land due to an elevated risk of danger to residents and occupants of Old Crow (the “August 9, 2023 Evacuation Order”); and
- C. Council, in consultation with the WFM and EMO, has determined that risk of danger from wildfires has now significantly decreased and that it is now safe for persons to return to Old Crow; and
- D. Council now wishes to rescind the August 9, 2023 Evacuation Order to allow for the phased re-entry of displaced persons to Old Crow while maintaining the August 3, 2023 Declaration and an evacuation alert for Old Crow.

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

Rescinding August 9, 2023 Evacuation Order

1. The August 9, 2023 Evacuation Order is hereby repealed pursuant to section 7 of the Act.

Evacuation Alert Status

2. Until further public notice is issued by the Vuntut Gwitchin Government, all persons residing on or occupying Vuntut Gwitchin First Nation Settlement Land in the community of Old Crow shall be on evacuation alert and be prepared to leave on short notice.

Continuation of special temporary measure under section 1(c) of the August 3, 2023 Order

3. Section 1(c) of the August 3, 2023 Order remains in effect pursuant to section 7 of the Act which provides for the following authorization necessary to address the increased expenditures the Vuntut Gwitchin First Nation have incurred, and may be expected to incur, as a result of the emergency circumstances on Settlement Land:

“Council is authorized to make emergency payments not to exceed a total of \$1,000,000 (one million dollars), necessary to defray VGG’s increased expenditures to address the emergency, including for provision of essential goods, services and resources on Settlement Land, such as accommodation, food, clothing, emergency social services, additional firefighter resources, evacuation planning and assistance, air filtration systems, shelter supports, and alternative air support if regular flight operations at the Old Crow airport cease. Council may increase the authorization for emergency payments with future orders. The authorization for emergency payments includes all related expenditures incurred since the initial notification of the incident dated July 28, 2023, prior to the coming into effect of this emergency declaration.”

THIS RESOLUTION being duly approved by a consensus of the Council at a meeting duly convened on August 14, 2023 at Old Crow, Yukon.



Chief Pauline Frost



Acting Deputy Chief Crystal Linklater



Councillor Debra-Leigh Reti



Councillor Harold Frost Jr.