

# Community Emergency Response Committee

April 9, 2020

Phone-In Only

Minutes of Meeting EOC-20-03

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## Attendance

Emergency Coordinator: Randy Sinasac  
Deputy Coordinator: Misty Rayner  
Mayor Frank Pope  
Councilor Trevor Smith  
Councilor Pascal Audet  
Imperial Oil (2)  
RCMP

Mackenzie Mountain School  
HRN Contracting  
GNWT - ENR  
Northridge Contracting  
Northern Store  
Town of Norman Wells (3)  
Rampart Rentals

## Regrets

SRP Petroleum  
North-Wright Airways  
Norman Wells Land Corporation

Municipal and Community Affairs, GNWT  
Health and Social Services, GNWT

1. **Call to Order** 7:00PM

2. **Review and Adoption of Agenda**

3. **Minutes**  
a) **EOC-20-02**

4. **Old Business**  
a) **Update from last meeting**

Discussion: Randy Sinasac has taken over as Chair of the Community Emergency Response Committee, as well as the Emergency Coordinator Position. Contact details are as follows; Phone: [REDACTED], Email: [firechief@normanwells.com](mailto:firechief@normanwells.com)

5. **New Business**

a) any change to operations due to COVID-19 from last meeting

Discussion: Mayor Pope stated that he has been in attendance on conference calls with all 33 NWT communities regarding enforcement of inter community travel, restrictions of alcohol; which will undergo no change in the immediate future, and who will do the enforcement of the restrictions that the Chief Public Health Officer has put in place. The Emergency Coordinator spoke highly of the community efforts to follow the guidelines as presented so far and that the GNWT has heard loud and clear that enforcement is a priority for the communities. The Utilities Manager updated that protocols are being followed at the Water Treatment Plant to align with the guidelines issued by the Chief Public Health Office, otherwise no change. The Superintendent of ENR elaborated on the enforcement of guidelines to include that ENR/Lands/Highways and Transportation Departments among others are involved to play the roles of managing and compliance officers within the communities. The parameters of enforcement are being laid out. These officers will investigate complaints of non-compliance, as well as check on any people out on the land which had begun April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2020. Those appointed were already employed by the GNWT and so normal operations for these individuals will be limited. The reporting mechanism is through the Government of the Northwest Territories and the Department of Health and Social Services. Any concerns brought to this table that have far reaching consequence will be brought to the upper levels of Government via ENR Superintendent as part of his reporting structure.

Northern Store updated that the ecommerce website is up and running [www.northmart.ca](http://www.northmart.ca), there are direct links to take you to our local store; right now the service is pick-up and pay only and the website does not have any prices. Once your order is placed, the store may have to call you to substitute items that are out of stock, as of this meeting no orders had been placed as of yet, however the system has been tested and is ready to take orders. Plexiglass has been installed on all tills including Canada Post. Meat vendor had a small shortage, but orders are trickling through. Ramparts updated that their supply is seeing the same constraints with shortages, but vendors are getting better and better. Ramparts are also installing Plexiglass in the near future. Orders for the delivery service are consistent. The Town of Norman Wells has been putting out 3 communication updates per week. Information from the updates comes from this committee of GNWT/SHSS websites. Everything is being posted to the Town of Norman Wells website since it is a great centralized space. The Town of Norman Wells has asked the public's help in identifying any gaps in communication to residents and elders and wanted to bring the question to this Committee to see if there were any ideas to address the gaps in communication. The Community Channel is up and running on channel 268 with NorthwesTel Cable, postings must be done through NorthwesTel at this time. Ideal communications would include a call listing for reaching out to Elders accompanied by a translator for those Elders which only speak their native tongue, an e-mail list is an alternative or supplement to this program. Radio communication is wanted as well at this point, Mayor Pope has spoken to the Land Corp and they are agreeable. Communications Manager for the Town is available and happy to answer any questions of the Committee, can be emailed at [governance@normanwells.com](mailto:governance@normanwells.com).

Recreation Manager updated that all facilities and programs continue to be shut down. Essential services are still being provided by the Town as the Recreation Department has re-deployed into Public Works. Looking for ideas that can maximize social distancing while still engaging the kids IE: birthday tours with the Fire Trucks. HRN reported that nothing has changed, HRN is splitting crews and continuing social distancing. Councilor Audet reported that there is nothing new, just wanted to shout out to Jody at IORL for making the homes available for Self-Isolation. Imperial Oil Resources updated that they are closing the agreement with the Town on the loan of houses. They continue to keep engaged with the Chief Public Health Officer and a new order being created for rotational workers, Imperial is currently already meeting all guidelines brought in by these orders. IORL is currently 70% through the break-up work, in regard to the COVID-19 response; IORL is always looking for improvement, and as such have discontinued their salad bar at Camp, workers who cannot reasonably keep 2m distance MUST wear face masks. IORL is currently looking for anyone in Town who can make facemasks, would be willing to speak and commission some work.

RCMP reported that there is nothing new, just keeping an eye on the house parties that normally occur this time of year. Mackenzie Mountain School Principal updated that the continuity of learning plan has been approved by Education, Culture and Employment. The school is currently trying to set up a drop box system. 50 computers have been found that can be loaned to the students thanks to Enbridge and ECE. Many of the teachers have created google classrooms so children can continue to learn. Thanks to Ramparts for providing and delivering the breakfast program packages, and the Northern for the prompted writing contest and prize. Alberta has cancelled departmental final exams, so the course mark will be the final grade. Expecting between 8-10 grads this year. Mayor Pope stated a topic for next meeting might include how we can prevent cabin fever/mental instability during this time.

**6. Next Meeting Date/Availability**

a) Discussion: meetings are phone-in only going forward to facilitate social distancing. Do not require setting weekly meetings at this point, if something comes up, we can call a meeting via email. Any information that comes your way, please forward on if you think it might benefit this Committee.

**11. Correspondence to Committee - none**

**12. Correspondence from Committee - none**

**13. Adjourn 7:43 PM**