



Community Update – April 20, 2020

As of this morning, all five of the NWT's COVID-19 cases have recovered. While this is fantastic news it is not reason to ease up on social distancing and adhering to the restrictions put in place by the Chief Public Health Officer. It is possible that there may be some people with the disease who many not have sought testing or may be asymptomatic, they may not even know they have it. Please continue practice social distancing, wash your hands regularly and stay positive. We are on the right track.

Mandatory Face Coverings for all Travellers

The Government of Canada is directing that all travellers (with limited exceptions) must have a removable non-medical mask or face covering large enough to cover their mouth and nose during their travel through Canadian airports and in-flight. This directive will take effect on Monday, April 20, 2020 at 12:00 pm ET.

Supports for Small and Medium Sized Businesses – Northern Business Relief Fund

Today, CANNOR launched the new Northern Business Relief Fund (NBRF). The NBRF provides short-term support for ongoing fixed costs for small and medium sized businesses (SMEs) located in the territories that have been impacted by economic disruptions due to COVID-19. The NBRF complements the suite of relief measures implemented by the Government of Canada to address the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on the Canadian economy.

The NBRF will provide qualifying SMEs with support for up to 100% of eligible fixed costs, up to a maximum of \$100,000 over a 4-month period, retroactive to April 1, 2020. Eligible recipients include all licensed, northern-based SMEs including sole-proprietors, partnerships and incorporated companies, provided the business is eligible, and is currently operating at a loss as a direct result of COVID-19. The Town will email details to all registered business owners in Norman Wells.

Town of Norman Wells Community Plan and Zoning By-Law Renewal

Despite the challenges of the COVID-19 virus, the Town is beginning the important work on the Community Plan and Zoning By-law renewal. Information can be found on our website at <https://www.normanwells.com/>. The first step in this process is to obtain feedback on the current Community Plan: <https://www.normanwells.com/community-plan-feedback>. In the coming months the Town will be reaching out to get your input on what you think is important for the future of the Town of Norman Wells.

For further information visit www.normanwells.com or call the Town Office at 587-3700 during our business hours of 8:30AM – 5:00PM. You may also email us at