

## Community Update – April 3, 2020

Town Council's top priority continues to be ensuring the safety of the community.

The Town's Emergency Measures Organization and CERC continue to be in regular contact with Territorial agencies. They are prepared to respond as the situations develop. The Town's Emergency Coordinator, Randy Sinasac stated today, "Overall the community has responded very well to potential significant challenges and displays remarkable cooperation and self-discipline for the recommendations that have come as a result of the pandemic."

As the number of cases begins to rise in the territory we ask that all community members be vigilant in the practice of social distancing, disinfecting and hand washing. Social distancing has proven effective in reducing the spread but it only works when everyone does their part. When sharing or selling things to those outside of your household, take the time to consider how you can ensure that the item has been disinfected.

Continue to be kind another and support one another. A great example of the Norman Wells community spirit is the birthday parade that Brandon Scott is organizing for Saturday. It's amazing to see the town members who have signed up to join in the parade to ensure one of our littlest community members still gets to celebrate his birthday. Thank you Brandon also for offering to assist elders and others who need help with snow shoveling and other odd jobs outside.

We also need to recognize the weekly breakfast packages that Mackenzie Mountain School and Ramparts have been putting together. Mr. Duclos is using funds from the MMS breakfast program and has applied for and received additional COVID-19 specific funding. Thank you for finding a way to keep this important program running.

Finally, a note to all of the service workers in our community. You are keeping our stores open, our community fed, gasoline in our cars and so much more. This is a stressful time for all community members and you put yourselves out there each day to help keep our lives running as normal as possible. We thank you for this.