



Community Update – May 27

Emerging Wisely Current State: Relaxing Phase 1: First Steps

Town of Norman Wells Emerging Wisely

Town Council met today with Town Administration to discuss how Town facilities and programming can adhere to the guidelines outlined in the NWT's Emerging Wisely Plan. The Emerging Wisely Plan outlines the detailed tools and protocols needed for different facilities and activities. The plan also directs which phase of the plan these facilities can be opened and/or activities resumed. The Town of Norman Wells must adhere to these guidelines.

The Town is working hard to put in place plans to get our facilities and programming going. However, certain facilities and programming that has been offered in past years will be unavailable until we emerge from the COVID-19 pandemic. It is not anticipated that Final Measures will be lifted until a vaccine has been developed which experts anticipate to be between 12-18 months. Council has taken into consideration the guidelines as well as the ability of the town to meet the protocols put in place from both a resource and financial perspective. We know the cancellation of programming is disappointing but the Town of Norman Wells must act responsibly from both a safety and financial perspective.

We are excited to begin sharing with you our Summer 2020 plans. Our Recreation Department has been working to come up with creative programming for both youth and adults. We ask for your patience as we get things in order to safely begin opening up our facilities.

As we move forward, let us move forward together. Please continue to wash your hands; this is our number one defense against the spread of the virus. Continue to follow the social distancing guidelines that are in place for Relaxing Phase 1. As we move in to summer we want to move forward and Emerge Wisely. We do not want to return to the Containment Phase. Consider your role an act of kindness: for yourself, your neighbours, our children and our elders, for all of us.