March 13, 2020

In response to the threat of the Corona Virus (COVID-19) pandemic, the Town of Norman Wells has undertaken a number of measures to protect the health and well being of community members and to help smooth the curve of the virus spread.

Based on the advice of Municipal and Community Affairs, the Town of Norman Wells Recreation Department is making the following changes to programs and services offered in light of the most recent information surrounding Corona Virus (COVID-19). Group Events will be limited to a maximum of twenty (20) patrons.

- All WinterFest activities planned for the weekend of March 13-15th have been cancelled. The outdoor snow maze will be open for public use.
- The Spring Camp scheduled for the week of March 9-13th and 16th has been cancelled.
- Minor Hockey is cancelled until further notice.
- The Karen Balanuik Curling Bonspiel has been cancelled after conferring with the curling club executive.
- The Fitness Centre will be remain open with provisions to ensure patron safety. We are
 asking patrons to wash their hands upon entrance and exit, limiting the number of
 patrons to a maximum of 20 at one time and wiping down all equipment once per day.
- Public skate and hockey will remain open for the time being, however equipment will
 not be available for use. Patrons are responsible to bring their own equipment. The
 number of patrons will be limited to 20 in the arena at one time.
- The Community Hall will remain open for rentals and user groups with a maximum of twenty users.
- The Youth Centre will remain closed until further notice.

The Town has been in contact with all our Essential Service providers:

- Measures are being put in place to ensure the security of our Water and Wastewater facilities.
- Water & Sewer Service, Garbage Collection, Landfill Management and Roads
 Maintenance contractors have measures in place to safety continue to provide these
 essential services.

We will continue to monitor the situation and adjust our response based on direction provided by both the Federal government and the GNWT. We encourage community members to follow the guidelines provided by the GNWT Health and Social Services.

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