

**Community Emergence Response Committee
August 24, 2021
Meeting EOC-21-02 Minutes**

Present:	Frank Pope	Mayor
	Cathy Clarke	Senior Administrative Officer
	Misty Rayner	Emergency Coordinator
	Trevor Smith	Councillor
	Gary Mickalyk	Public Works Manager
	Hugo Pabke	Utilities Manager
	Alex Millette	Recreation Manager
	Jaime Kearey	By-Law Officer
	Chris Whynot	RCMP Cpl.
	Peter Jirjis	Northern Store
	Josh Earls	Rampart Rentals
	Jeff Walker	ENR/Territorial EMO
	Murray Funk	Imperial Oil Resources Ltd.
	Sherry Hodgson	Norman Wells Land Corporation
	Chris Chivers	HRN Contracting

Regrets:	Health and Social Services	
	Pascal Audet	Councillor
	Paul Watson	SRP Petroleum
	Larry Mefford	Airports
	Mike Duclos	Mackenzie Mountain School

1. **Meeting Called to Order at 6:31PM**
2. **Review and Adoption of Agenda** **Approved**
3. **Minutes**
a) **EOC21-01 Minutes from Aug 20, 2021** **Approved**
4. **Old Business**
a) **Determine Resources available to the Community**

As there was no response from the Community Emergency Response Committee (CERC) on updated resource inventory listings, the Town of Norman Wells will reach out to each member by phone to facilitate any changes to these lists.

b) Establish/Monitor supply chains/ availability of resources for different scenarios that the Town of Norman Wells may face as the pandemic evolves

Health and Social Services and the GNWT Emergency Measures Organization will utilize housing. The Heritage Hotel has been designated as a negative person isolation center. Houses will be designated as positive person isolation centers. These houses have multiple rooms and can be utilized to full capacity.

An issue that was noted, is if there is a high number of non-residents stranded in Norman Wells or a high number of negative residents who are required to relocate from their family home; options need to be available. Camp trailers and larger facilities need to be acquired and designated as back up housing for affected individuals.

Manpower resources are required as well as equipment to ensure that facilities stay operational in the event of any secondary emergency (IE: Power Failure). IORL and Trumpeter should be approached regarding the use of “Shut Down” camps.

c) Determine the procedure/mitigation tactics of “Shut-in’s” (Self-isolators) and the impacts to the community

PHO’s have been educating individuals found to be disregarding current Public Health Orders. There is concern among the membership regarding mixed messaging from Health Providers (IE: if you are double vaccinated, and test negative for COVID-19 you can leave the residence even if someone in the house identifies as COVID-19 positive. Actual order is that if anyone in the residence is COVID-19 positive, the whole household must isolate.) The Community would appreciate if all messaging from Health Departments be consistent and understandable by the average resident. Concern was raised from security/monitoring at the Health Center for testing that some residents are coming in to be tested under the influence of alcohol or drugs. Concern that the tested individual will not remember orders issued from the Health Unit. Local PHO updated that any individual testing positive is followed up with daily phone calls from an after-care nurse who monitors these individuals for worsening symptoms. Security/monitoring of Health Center Testing Operations has been advised to contact PHO and/or RCMP to deal with intoxicated persons. Land Corp has funding for food security, verbal approval has been received on the funding. The food security funding will be available to the entire community. Logistics will be coordinated with the Town of Norman Wells EMO, which will then be conveyed to the Regional EMO. People who have symptoms or are positive should not leave the community. Resource Council is doing regular checks on negative test people who have chosen to go out on the land or to cabins in the surrounding communities. Registration will be set up for people who have chosen to go to their cabins or out on the land so that the community is not searching for a missing person who has just gone to camp.

5. New Business

a) Update Committee from PHO and Territorial EMO activities

there are currently two Public Health Officers (PHO) in Norman Wells. All Sahtu communities have now activated their Emergency Measures Organizations. Personnel shuffle at Regional EMO level to give staff much needed rest. NWT was victim to the 1st death caused by COVID-19; an Elder of the Sahtu Communities. Messaging must be as blunt and plain as we can get. If Norman Wells goes into containment, it will be very similar to what was put in place in Fort Good Hope.

b) Need for Security/Monitoring in Norman Wells

- who will be responsible?

The local EMO will be responsible for employing security personnel who will be assisted by local PHO’s and RCMP.

- where are the high-risk locations

The high-risk locations that have been identified are as follows: river bank landing areas, airport, liquor store, grocery stores, town square, positive isolation centers, and the health center.

Concern areas: not all positive isolation units are known due to privacy, having a different number that people can call into to report concerning behavior.

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10. Next Meeting Date/Availability

Friday August 27, 2021.

Approved

11. Adjourn
7:30PM