

Community Emergence Response Committee
August 27, 2021
Meeting EOC-21-03 Minutes

Present:	Frank Pope	Mayor
	Cathy Clarke	Senior Administrative Officer
	Misty Rayner	Emergency Coordinator
	Trevor Smith	Councillor
	Hugo Pabke	Utilities Manager
	Alex Millette	Recreation Manager
	Chris Whynot	RCMP Cpl.
	Leslie Barry	Health and Social Services
	Kevin Diebold	Whiponic Wellputer Ltd
	Ashley Wellwood	Whiponic Wellputer
	Jeff Walker	ENR/Territorial EMO
	Murray Funk	Imperial Oil Resources Ltd.
	Paul Watson	SRP Petroleum
	Chris Chivers	HRN Contracting

Regrets:	Jaime Kearsey	By-Law Officer
	Pascal Audet	Councillor
	Josh Earls	Rampart Rentals
	Peter Jirjis	Northern Store
	Mike Duclos	Mackenzie Mountain School
	Sherry Hodgson	Norman Wells Land Corporation
	Gary Mickalyk	Public Works Manager

1. Meeting Called to Order at 6:34PM
2. Review and Adoption of Agenda Approved
3. Minutes
a) EOC21-02 Minutes from Aug 24, 2021 Approved

4. Old Business
a) Establish/Monitor supply chains/ availability of resources for different scenarios that the Town of Norman Wells may face as the pandemic evolves

Northwestel has given the Town of Norman Wells a sizeable donation for food needs to assist our cause through our State of Local Emergency. A few food hampers will be kept at the health center to be handed out on site during weekend or evening testing.

5. New Business
a) Norman Wells Liquor Store – ability to levy restrictions
 - discuss reinstatement of \$200 per day limit
 - discuss Town of Norman Wells Administration ability to request services are limited to 1 visit to the business per day per customer.
 - Security/safety operations will take names and times of individuals entering the store however that information will be required to be given voluntarily.
 - no ability to instate a total liquor prohibition

The Community Emergency Response Committee supports the Mayor and SAO of the Town of Norman Wells to request a reinstatement of the \$200.00 per day purchase limit on sales at the Norman Wells Liquor Store from the Chief Public Health Officer, as well as an immediate request to the Norman Wells Liquor Store to limit service to each customer to once per day. The Norman Wells Safety Squad will document names and times of individuals entering the store to assist with Contact Tracing efforts of the Health and Social Services Department.

b) Update on Security/Monitoring in Norman Wells

COVID-19 Testing will be available over the weekend. Safety Squad continues to disseminate plain language information handouts on clarification of Public Health Orders. The Public appears to be taking well to the Safety Squad monitoring the 3 stores and all roadways. Keeping people home makes it easier for enforcement of the Public Health Orders. The Committee discussed the need to implement a curfew to keep people at home during the evenings as that is where most infractions of Public Health Orders are being found. Brandon Scott is the lead of the Norman Wells Safety Squad and volunteer recruitment for the EMO. Warnings have been issued; tickets will be issued next. Public Health Officers were able to identify additional housing for both negative and positive COVID-19 individuals. The Committee clarified the RCMP's role with enforcement to include Enforcement of the criminal code, liquor act, and municipal by-laws. The RCMP have no authority to enforce Public Health Orders.

c) Transient population of Norman Wells ("Couch Surfers" or those without a home)

The Territorial EMO has arranged for housing to be made available for these individuals. Some isolation centers are designated COVID-19 negative for those that require a place to stay.

d) Ideas from the Committee on slowing the spread of COVID-19 and resulting spike in cases.

All communities of the Sahtu Region are monitoring boats on the river, as well all communities are in contact with one another to identify the boats that are found to be travelling the river.

Encourage separation of positive cases to lessen the containment period for negative individuals in the home. Inform COVID-19 positive individuals that if they choose to isolate as a family, it will cause the negative individuals to isolate for an additional ten-day period due to incubation.

Request from NorthwesTel the ability for the communities to have unlimited internet similar to what NorthwesTel put in place at the start of the pandemic March 2020.

Monitor the parks in the community rather than close them. Hodgson Lake (Jackfish), Bandy Lake, Canyon Creek, Mackinnon Park. If people are found to be congregating and/or disrespecting the Public Health Orders, these facilities will be forced to close to assist with enforcement of the Public Health Orders.

Prefer isolators to stay on their property to limit the spread of the virus to others. Firm messaging that anyone in isolation cannot leave their property.

Implementation or enforcement of a curfew.

Committee will ask the Northern Store and Rampart Rentals if they will restrict admittance to children under 12 so as to protect the vulnerable population which cannot be vaccinated.

Create programming for kids and families to do online.

10. Next Meeting Date/Availability

Wednesday September 1, 2021.

Approved

11. Adjourn

7:38PM