



April 22nd, 2020

Community Update COVID – 19-Road Closure Order

On April 22nd, 2020, the Chief and Council met with Treaty 3 Police to discuss the current access to the road and the considerable traffic that continues to go through the community. At that meeting, it was determined that, even with requests for cottages owners to stay at home and also minimize access by others to their properties, the outside traffic into Washagamis Bay First Nation territory continues to pose an extremely significant risk to our residents. Therefore, the following measures will be implemented until further notice.

Effective April 24th, 2020 at 4pm the community will enforce the following:

- Road access into the community will be closed to all seasonal cottagers, contractors, and other services providers
- Effective April 24th, all vehicle passes, except those for permanent residents, are revoked until further notice
- The First Nation recognizes that seasonal cottagers, and their agents, will be able to access their properties by other means, but will not be able to use the roadway through First Nation territory
- Permanent residents will be able to access the road once per week on Thursday to get groceries and do other errands. They can access the road between the hours of 8AM till 3PM.
- The road closure does not prevent permanent residents from leaving their property by other means.
- Emergency vehicles will always be allowed access.
- Permanent residents deemed to be essential service workers will be granted a community Essential Worker Pass to allow them greater access to the road.
- Washagamis Bay First Nation is asking each cottage association to provide a list of permanent residents by April 23rd, 2020. Permanent residents should meet Ontario residency requirements (i.e. Ontario Health Card, Ontario Driver's License, etc).

Please be aware that Washagamis Bay First Nation Chief and Council takes the health and welfare of our community members as our primary concern during this Pandemic Crisis. This order is to protect the community residents during this Pandemic crisis and is only a temporary measure.

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Chief and Council

Emergency Numbers

Treaty Three Police	1-807-548-5474	Telehealth Ontario	1-866-797-0000
OPP	1-800-310-1122	AAFS	1-807-468-6224
Kenora Ambulance	1-807-468-3311		