



KISPIOX BAND COUNCIL

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Kispiox Band Council Pandemic Bylaw

WHEREAS the spread of Pandemic has been declared a pandemic by the World Health Organization and continues to spread at an alarming rate.

WHEREAS the Province of British Columbia (B.C.) has declared an emergency under subsection 7.0 .1 (3) of the Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act because the pandemic "constitutes a danger of major proportions that could result in serious harm to persons."

WHEREAS the Province of B.C. has ordered the closure of public places and establishments, recreational amenities, campgrounds, and non-essential workplaces; and has prohibited events and gatherings of more than ten people.

WHEREAS the Chief Medical Officer of Health for B.C. has strongly recommended that everyone in B.C. "stay home except for essential reasons."

WHEREAS the Kispiox Emergency Operations Centre (EOC) was formed for pandemic and disaster events.

WHEREAS the Kispiox Band Chief and Council and the Kispiox EOC support the restriction of non-essential activities within the entire community of Kispiox to curb the spread of Pandemic.

WHEREAS the Kispiox Band Chief and Council have the authority and jurisdiction pursuant to the inherent rights of Kispiox Band under sections 81(1)(a), (c), (d), (p), (q), and (r) of the Indian Act to enact emergency measures to prevent the spreading of contagious and infectious diseases.

NOW THEREFORE, Kispiox Chief and Council have adopted the Pandemic Bylaw on June 25, 2020 which will restrict and limit access to the community. Any non-residents of Kispiox will be removed from community by law enforcement. It will also temporarily restrict and limit all movement of people within the community. This bylaw will be in effect until the Kispiox Band Council assesses the situation to determine if a change is necessary. The main components of the bylaw are:

Mandatory 14-day quarantine and self-isolation measures apply to:

- Any person who is experiencing flu symptoms must self-isolate and notify the Kispiox EOC that they are self-isolating.

Mandatory 14-day quarantine and self-isolation measures apply to:

- Any person returning to the community from anywhere outside the safety zone must self-isolate/quarantine and notify Kispiox EOC. If a family member returns to visit from outside the safety zone, he/she must self-isolate prior to return; if they live in the family home all occupants of the home must self-isolate.
- Any person with symptoms including fever and cough, must self-isolate inside his or her residence and strictly avoid contact with others for fourteen (14) days or, if the symptoms have not resolved after fourteen (14) days, self-isolate until you are twenty-four (24) hours symptom free.
- Any person who has tested positive must notify Kispiox EOC, follow treatment and abide by strict isolation measures until a medical test confirms that such person has recovered and is no longer infected.

Physical and social distancing measures:

- Except for essential services, access of the general public to all public services buildings and business buildings in the community are restricted
- All community buildings and recreational areas are closed to gatherings – Kispiox Community Hall, ABE Building, Drop-In, Churches, Schools, Halliday Campground, Totem Poles and all soccer fields, etc.
- Any public event, party or gathering in public or private spaces is prohibited. A gathering means any group of more than ten (10) people who do not live in the same residence.
- For the safety of everyone, rules and orders by the Provincial Health Officer regarding gatherings apply to funerals and memorials. We suggest connecting virtually or postponing to a later date. This is an extremely contagious and extremely dangerous virus, especially to Elders and people with pre-existing health conditions who may attend events such as a funeral or memorial.
- All businesses and services in the community that remain open or functioning while this Pandemic Bylaw is in force must respect the health directives and rules established by the Kispiox Band and Kispiox EOC.
- No person shall come within two meters of any other person who does not reside in the same household.
- No non-resident shall visit Kispiox except where reasonably necessary to perform an essential service or with the permission of the Kispiox Chief and Council.

Physical and social distancing measures continued:

- Visits to Elders or individuals with underlying health issues shall be avoided where reasonably possible and groceries and supplies shall be delivered to them.

Curfew

- A general curfew is issued for all residence whom are present in the community between 11:00 P.M. and 6:00 A.M. expect for emergency reasons or essential services.

Access into the community:

There is one checkpoint set up at the Kispiox bridge entry into the community. Individuals are expected to stop and cooperate with the checkpoint monitors. Entry into the community is restricted for all persons except the following:

- Kispiox Band residents and Kispiox Valley residents.
- Employees and representatives of essential services
- Persons authorized by the Kispiox EOC. This person must be registered in the registry system at Kispiox Band and provide them with the necessary info such as name, place of destination and isolation, reason, duration, scheduled date of entry/exit/return, contact details and presence of any symptoms.

Delivery of essential goods and services

- Delivery of essential goods and services will continue (upon verification) as long as the delivery process respects the health directives and rules established

Enforcement and Penalties:

- Monitors may stop any person or motor vehicle seeking to enter or leave the community to determine if they are allowed access into the community. They may also order any unauthorized person not to enter or to immediately leave the community.
- The EOC and Monitors are granted full authority to enforce all of the measures identified in the Pandemic Bylaw.

A person who commits an offence under this Pandemic Bylaw is liable on summary conviction to a fine of \$1,000.00 and/or to imprisonment for up to thirty (30) days pursuant to section 83(1) of the Indian Act (R.S.C., 1985, C. I-5).

This bylaw comes in force immediately and shall remain in effect until it is changed by resolution of the Kispiox Band Council



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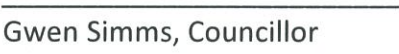
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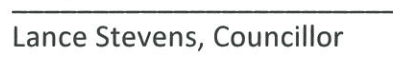
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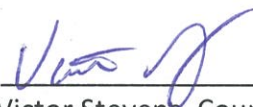
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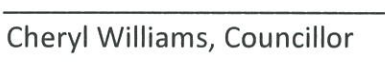
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