



A PLACE OF VISIONS AND DREAMS

COMMUNITY NOTICE

April 7, 2020

Dear Members,

Easter weekend is arriving. This will be an unusual Easter for us at Whitefish River, and I'm sure for all of you, and indeed across the country and around the world.

This is normally a time when many of you who live away come home to our community. It is normally a time to be together with family and re-connect. This is a wonderful tradition.

But we have to do things differently this year. This year, the priority for all of us is to protect life and health. To do that, we have to maintain physical distancing, limit travel, and avoid circulating this virus as much as possible.

This year we are calling on you to lead this effort to protect our entire community by staying in place and not coming home to Birch Island.

We want to protect you and your family, including the elderly and vulnerable in the community.

The past few weeks have been hard. It may feel even harder this coming weekend. But the timing could not be more critical in the course of this disease. We have to stay strong.

Please remember that physical distancing should not mean social isolation. **Do** reach out to your loved ones this weekend and spend time connecting by phone or video. Let's stay connected as best we can.

Miigwetch, and wishing you a safe, healthy and peaceful Easter,

Whitefish River Chief and Council

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