



March 26, 2020

A PLACE OF VISIONS AND DREAMS

Community Notice Requests for Additional Supports

Dear Whitefish River First Nation Members,

As you are all well aware, the impacts of the global health crisis are escalating daily. Social distancing is an effective measure to combat the spread of COVID-19, and as such, more people are staying home or working from home. We understand that this has financial implications for everyone, and these will only increase in the days to come. In response to the financial impacts of COVID-19, the Federal and Provincial Governments have both announced measures to provide assistance to individuals and families. We also want to give assurances that Whitefish River First Nation is providing as much support as possible based upon our current resources available. We encourage everyone to stay informed as to what supports might be available to you.

Federally, Canada has announced the Canada Emergency Response Benefit. The online portal for accessing CERB will be available in early April 2020. Again, we advise you to keep informed regarding this benefit.

Provincially, Ontario has lifted restrictions in regards to “Emergency Assistance” and we are encouraging you to please contact the Ontario Works in your area of residence to inquire if you qualify. If you are currently in receipt of financial assistance from Ontario Works or Ontario Disability Support Program, please contact your worker directly.

For members who are who require immediate food supports, we encourage you to access the food bank in your area.

A list of Ontario food banks can be found online at www.feedontario.ca and listings specific to Northeastern Ontario can be found at www.northeasthealthline.ca/listservices.aspx?id=10572.

A reminder to practice social distancing while accessing any services outside of your home.

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Here is a listing of local food banks;

ESPANOLA

Espanola Helping Hand Food Bank
87 Centre St, Unit C, Espanola

705-583-3045

MANITOULIN

Manitoulin Family Resources
27 Forest St, Mindemoya

705-368-3400 Ext. 242

MASSEY

Food Bank – Massey (Beside Poirier Confectionary)
355 Imperial St. South, Massey

705-865-2450

CHELMSFORD

Friendship House Food Bank
100 Gaudette St, Chelmsford

705-855-4848

CITY OF GREATER SUDBURY

Grace Food Bank - Grace Family Church
* Use Jean St. entrance, 426 Burton Ave.

705-673-1512

Holy Redeemer Minnow Lake Food Bank
Holy Redeemer Church

705-566-9409

Inner City Home of Sudbury - Crisis Food Provider
251 Elm St.

705-675-7550

Inner City Home of Sudbury - Food Bank
1169 Dollard Ave.

705-675-7550

New Hope Lutheran Church - Food Bank
264 Mackenzie St.

705-673-2933

Our Children, Our Future
201 Jogues St.

705-677-0440

Pregnancy Care Centre and Infant Food Bank
1032 Lasalle Blvd.

705-673-5003

Salvation Army - New Life Centre - Cedar Place
634 Notre Dame Ave

705-673-5893 Ext. 204

Sudbury Food Bank
1105 Webbwood Dr.

705-671-9663

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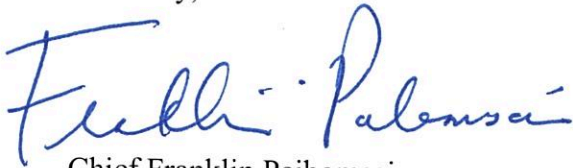
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We are all facing new challenges and struggles. At Whitefish River First Nation, please know that we are committed to supporting our members and easing the burden and stress which our current reality brings. In order to navigate available support measures, or for further assistance or information, please contact our Ontario Works Administrator, Emma Recollet at 705-285-4335 ext. 215.

If you have any other questions or concerns, please contact Art Jacko, Band Manager at 705-285-4335.

Finally, I would like to extend a sincere Miigwech to those that have been properly practicing social distancing. I urge everyone, in the interest of our families, friends, and neighbours to please stay home. It is a small but *necessary* measure which we can all take to ensure the health and well-being of those around us.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Franklin Paibomsai". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'F'.

Chief Franklin Paibomsai

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