

March 13, 2020



A PLACE OF VISIONS AND DREAMS

IMPORTANT COMMUNITY NOTICE

Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19)

We are sending this message in unity to bring reassurances to our elders, families and community members that we are taking health, safety and support measures very seriously regarding the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic and its effect on our community.

That being said, as many of you may be aware, due to the unpredictability and speed of the changes which COVID-19 has brought on a global scale, we are asking at this time for community cooperation and patience.

It is our goal to try to lessen the impact which this virus has on our community and families. In addition, we also realize that these times bring extra pressures to our homes and families.

Current measures taken include:

- Cancellation of the following: teams attending LNHL (which was ultimately cancelled), community bingos, community programming and events, any staff travel or PD, visiting professionals (unless deemed essential).
- Extension of March Break for Shawanosowe School and Maamwe Kendaasing Early Learning and Innovation Centre, with a scheduled April 6, 2020 return date.
- Cleaning and Sanitization of public buildings/spaces.
- We are taking steps to protect front line workers. More details to follow.

How can you help?

- We are requesting any individuals who are in a HIGH RISK FACTOR group to contact our Health Centre to provide your name.
- If you are not in a HIGH RISK FACTOR group, and willing to volunteer in any way, please contact the Administration office.
- Please stay current with credible information on COVID-19. We will provide a list of resources in a separate literature.
- Please contact the Health Centre at 705-285-4354 if you feel sick.
- Please practice safe hygiene habits, e.g. washing hands, coughing into your sleeve, etc.
- Please practice social distancing.
- Please limit travel to public events or largely populated areas

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The coming weeks will bring uncertainty, change and difficult decisions. This is a time to show the strength, support and resiliency of our community.

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On behalf of Chief and Council,

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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