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11th COVID 19 UPDATE

June 4, 2020

To the Members of Henvey Inlet First Nation

If you've been watching the news lately it's apparent that COVID 19 is still a serious health threat. Having learned that Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario has extended the State of Emergency to June 30, 2020 we agree with this decision, and so these are the highlights of our recent meeting.

1. Condolences to the Solomon Family

To Tony's family, we send out our deepest condolences and share in your grief of the loss of such a wonderful man, father, grandfather, and leader.

We were terribly saddened by the news of the passing of Councillor Tony Solomon on Thursday May 28, 2020. This unexpected shocking news was a monumental loss by this community and to Council. We respect the wishes of the family and will definitely plan to have a celebration of life ceremony at the earliest convenience. We will definitely announce the future date that this is agreed upon with the family.

2. Re-Opening the Administration

The decision has been made NOT to reopen the Administration, but to continue to operate status quo. Currently, certain financial and health staff will be expected to continue to report to work on Tuesdays through Thursdays to ensure essential services are provided. Chief and Council thank all those staff of HIFN who submitted their written suggestions/comments/concerns on how we possibly re-open. If you haven't done so already, Chief and Council welcome those who may still want to submit their comments.

3. Restricted Access (Roadblocks) Pickering R Rd. and Bikanon Rd.

The security teams that are currently in place ensuring restricted access to both Pickering, and Bikanon will remain in place, thank you for their cooperation respecting the directives that are being implemented for all our safety.

4. Financial Report on COVID 19 Expenses to date

COVID 19 isn't without its financial impact and we're experiencing this first hand. To clarify the misconception of how we're funding this unprecedented time of our lives, a financial report has been prepared and is attached for your reference. We wish to invite anyone with question or concerns with respect to how we're managing this pandemic to call our office on Tuesdays or Thursdays, as we will not be meeting with you in the near future, and we'll gladly answer any of your questions.

5. New Garbage Pickup Days

The Key River Landfill site has implemented its summer hours of operation; please take note that garbage will now be picked up on

Mondays

Wednesdays

Fridays

Situation Report #123: COVID-19

Ministry of Health | Health System Emergency Management Branch

May 27, 2020

Situation:

Case count as of 8:00 a.m. May 27, 2020				
Area	Case count	Change from yesterday	Deaths	Change from yesterday
Worldwide total	5,709,542	+97,952	352,751	+4,423
Europe	1,944,374	+17,359	169,836	+1,064
China	82,993	+01	4,634	0
Middle East	536,250	+8,597	13,603	+122
Asia & Oceania	406,567	+13,095	10,337	+331
Africa	122,030	+3,668	3,630	+119
Latin America and Caribbean	804,873	+34,765	43,447	+1,875
North America	1,812,455	+20,467	107,264	+912
United States	1,725,808	+19,531	100,625	+818
Canada	86,647	+936	6,639	+94



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MEMORANDUM

To: Registered Members of Henvey Inlet First Nation
Fr: Millie Pawis, Director of Finance/Administration
Dt: June 4, 2020
Re: **COVID 19 Financial Report**

When COVID 19 became publicized as a global pandemic with potentially fatal consequences, Chief and Council immediately responded by making the decisive decision to protect their members. The purpose of this report is made to ensure that all our members understand how we are managing to financially cover the expenses of COVID 19.

On March 17, 2020, a staff meeting was held in the Fire Hall where it was announced that Chief and Council planned to shut down the community. It was decided who would work in their respective capacities to provide essential services to our Community Members and who would stay home with pay. The fire department, certain health and finance staff were identified at that time as essential. From that point forward our common goal has been to ensure the threat posed to our community would be managed; we soon implemented restricted access to the community, weekly updates, provision of food for those on limited income with home deliveries, financial assistance and we reduced contact and implemented of social distancing as recommended by the World Health Organization and Chief Medical Officer.

1. Restricted Access

On April 1, 2020, the official "shut down" of the community occurred, at 7:00 a.m. that morning strategic road blocks were in effect. This directive was and is an effort to restrict the public from entering our community and potentially introducing the COVID 19 virus to our vulnerable who when you think of it, is a majority of us with underlying health related issues; i.e. Diabetes. Originally, it was expected our fire department would be the security teams, but it was soon realized that there weren't enough members to fulfil this duty and this detail soon expanded to include interested band and non band members. The basic eligibility considered for this role has been given to one's fitness, reliability, availability to commit to long hours, knowledge of community and desire to protect us all.

We currently secure our community 24/7, with 2-member security teams on 3 separate shifts a day, each earning \$25/hr.

2. Weekly Updates

Each week Council meets and discusses issues that arise, and upon approval a brief description of issues discussed is released along with COVID 19 statistics for information purposes. These are delivered directly to each member homes, and posted to our website. You're encouraged to read this weekly update; it does have important information in it that we all need to know. In the absence of a monthly newsletter this has been the new method of information dissemination.

3. Provision of Food

When we met on March 17, 2020, Lyndy McQuabbie and few other staff immediately volunteered for managing the food that would be required for our elders and those on limited income. We're currently purchasing bulk quantities of non perishable, dairy, and meat from Sysco, and Massey Wholesale. They deliver bi-weekly, and those requiring this assistance are encouraged to contact Lyndy.

4. Financial Assistance

In addition to these measures Council felt the obligation to assist our member families with children financially, both on and off reserve. A decision was made to issue every member an equalized distribution payment in the amount of \$300 in early April 2020. This assistance is not to be confused with anything that has been reported on available to the general public. The equalized distribution payment that was released beginning May 15, 2020, was paid from our own source revenue generated from the Henvey Inlet Wind Farm, specifically the lease fees received from the turbines being on our reserve lands. If this pandemic continues for the long term, Council wants you know if required, we are financially able to issue this type of assistance again.

In addition to this assistance, Dorothy Contin, OW Administrator has directives set out by the Ministry of Social Services, that those on ODSP are eligible to also receive a top up from the Provincial Government, based on family size. My report does not include this financial information as it did not come from our own source revenue. For more information on this assistance please contact Dorothy Contin, OW Administrator.

Although Council has directed essential staff of the Health Centre, and Administration offices to report to work on Tuesday and Thursdays, you may have noticed that staff of the Administration office are in even on Wednesdays. Staff including Doris Contin, Financial Administrator, Megan Bradley, Financial Administrative Assistant and myself, are working to keep up with the many financial transactions that are required each week. We are also working with KPMG, our independent auditor to prepare our financial statements/audit at March 31 2020, to be submitted to our funders at July 31, 2020. When staff report to work they're remunerated at their current level of pay, and this is recorded as Staff costs on the attached report.

On the following page is a Income style report that identifies the source of income that has been used to date to accomplish and maintain our security to date. To date, HIFN has only received a total of \$115,905.86 in external funding (INCOME) from two separate sources, one Federal (Indigenous Services Canada) and one Provincial (Ministry of Aboriginal Affairs).

The expenses have been categorized into the essential service type payments that have been incurred up to May 22, 2020. Heidi Kimberly, Housing/Finance Assistant is responsible for payment of all COVID related expenses, which are submitted and paid a week behind, to ensure accuracy. This expense report will increase after today, once more payments are issued. You will see that our Balance is noted as having a bracket around it, (\$364,581.64), this our over expenditure to date, that is not covered by the funding we've received, and is coming out of our RAMA CASINO funds and our HIW proceeds. Council's direction has been to continue with all measures to remain in place and be paid, although, the funding received to date is all spent, because we are in the position of covering these expenses.

If you have any question or concerns about how we are currently managing the continuing threat of COVID 19 to our community, I am more than willing to speak with you, you may call me at our Administration office number from Tuesdays to Thursday each week.



/MP

c.c. Chief and Council



Henvey Inlet First Nation
COVID 19 Financial Report
March 31, 2020 to May 22, 2020

Income

Indigenous Service Canada	\$ 95,997.86
Ministry of Aboriginal Affairs	<u>\$ 19,908.00</u>
Total	\$ 115,905.86

Expenses

Staff	\$ 60,093.03
Food	\$ 44,392.13
Personal Protection Equipment	\$ 8,874.00
Equalized Distribution	\$ 249,600.00
Security	<u>\$ 117,528.34</u>
Total	\$ 480,487.50
Over Expenditure	\$(364,581.64)
	\$(114,981.64) Covered by Rama
	\$(249,600.00) Covered by HIW