

KAPAWE'NO FIRST NATION

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CHIEFS UPDATE

December 18, 2020

Greetings to Kapawe'no First Nation Members/Residents

I would like to take this time to provide some additional information to the Nation that will add to my previous update.

ISOLATION UNITS

We are projecting that the isolation units will be ready for use by early next week. All of the required hookups have been completed. We have three units with two complete units in each. These units are complete with kitchens, living space, 1 bedroom, laundry facilities, televisions in both the living space and in the bedrooms. Shopping is being completed to have everything needed to ensure that everything to support an individual is available. The only items needed will be individual clothing. We will provide the food once we have someone utilizing the unit. We are still working on the protocols as to how this will be accessed, once this has been completed the information will be provided to membership.

FOOD DISTRIBUTION

By now you should have received the Christmas Hampers to replace the community dinner that we could not provide. This included the Turkeys and the additional items for Christmas Dinner. You also will have received the non-perishable foods to help each household this was delivered on Tuesday December 15th.

We will be doing another distribution of fresh produce on Tuesday, December 22, 2020. This will include fresh produce, fruits etc.

We did not do the individual gift cards per household but we will be distributing the \$100.00 gift cards in early January. There is more work being done on food security and we will keep members informed on the progress and status of this.

AGRICULTURE BENEFITS / (Cow and Plow)

The process has been continuous in regards to the status of the C&P. I have been in constant contact with the Government Representatives and our team who are working on the file. We have also received positive feedback to date from Government representatives along with feedback from membership. I am committed to updating you as soon as I receive any information that is relevant to the nation.

SECURITY AND NEW PROTOCOLS

As you are aware we recently made the decision to shut down administrative operations within the Nation in an effort to limit potential Covid exposure to our residents. As many of you are aware our neighboring communities have been hit hard with positive Covid cases. We are doing our best to keep our community safe. I would like to thank all of the residents who have accepted the new protocols and who are adhering to the protocols and respecting the Security Personnel who are doing their jobs. I would like our community to pray for the continued safety of our residents and also to pray for our fellow First Nations.

NURSING AND TESTING

Please be advised that even though we no longer have the services of our own Nurse within the community we do have a back up plan in place should we have a positive case in Kapawe'no. AHS and Indigenous Services Canada (ISC) are prepared to come into the community to assist with contact tracing and also to provide testing within the community. We will continue to work towards having a full time Registered Nurse within the Nation in the meantime.

Off-RESERVE MEMBERS SUPPORTS

Please note that these dollars were obtained through proposal specific funding applications related to Covid support for OFF-RESERVE members. This was in addition to proposal funding applications submitted to Covid support for ON-RESERVE members.

We have been distributing financial support to off-reserve members to help support with Covid related expenses, such as groceries and health costs. We are currently in the process of distributing \$92.00 per off-reserve member and are planning to distribute another \$95.00 per off-reserve member before Christmas. A registration form must be completed in order to receive this support. If you have not yet completed this registration form or if you have any questions, please email support@kapweno.com.

I would like to take this time to thank all of our community members for making efforts to keep their homes and family safe these past few months. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated and it has been effective to date as we have had no positive Covid cases within our community. I would like to wish everyone a safe and happy Christmas, enjoy your time with your families during the holidays.

Respectfully,



Chief Syd Halcrow

CHRISTMAS BREAK – December 21st – January 6th. Offices re-open to essential staff on January 6th.

During the Christmas Break the following will be available on-call for emergencies.

Lyle Halcrow – 536-6008 Security Issues or Emergency Housing Issues

Dolores Flett – 523-0172 Emergency Health Issues

Effie Anderson – Band Office Related Issues