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TCG BOARD OF DIRECTORS RESPONSE TO COVID-19

The Tahltan Central Government Board of Directors have been actively monitoring the COVID-19 pandemic, with their priority interest being the health and wellbeing of TCG staff, Tahltan members, and preventing the spread of the virus to Tahltan Territory.

Today, the TCG Board of Directors passed a resolution banning all TCG Board and Staff from travelling for work until further notice, except for the TCG President and Vice-President, who may travel in emergency circumstances. TCG Staff who are based outside of Territory are being asked to work from home and not to travel into our Territory.

In addition, the TCG Board of Directors are actively taking steps to provide additional support for our Elders, small businesses and employees who are impacted by the pandemic. Further updates will be provided soon.

Today, President Chad Norman Day met with Premier John Horgan where he advocated for measures to prevent the spread of the virus amongst the 3Nations communities (Tahltan, Tlingit and Kaska). As a result, the Premier committed to linking and having Emergency BC work with our three Nations to ensure prevention, preparedness, response and recovery.

President Day said,

“Given that our Province is in a state of emergency, I was very pleased that Premier Horgan was able to make the time to speak with me about issues of importance to the 3 Nations (Tahltan, Tlingit, and Kaska). I reiterated to the Premier that the Province has a true partner in the Tahltan Nation and that we would do everything we can to prevent and fight this virus hand in hand.”

Furthermore, the TCG has been working with the Brucejack Mine and Red Chris Mine to keep our workers and communities safe. Both mines' COVID-19 news releases can be found on the TCG Facebook page.

The TCG Board of Directors fully supports our communities and the actions they are taking. The Board of Directors encourage Tahltans near and far to adhere to authority regulated social distancing, as well as encouraging workers living in the Territory to strictly adhere to any community guidelines for leaving the communities and returning for any reason.