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TAHLTAN NATION COVID-19 EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT UPDATE

Red Chris (Newcrest)

Thank you to Lorraine Callbreath and Newcrest (Red Chris) who are working on the distribution of new board-games, indoor activities and other entertainment such as crosswords/books for our three local community residents. Items are set to be delivered very soon.

Newcrest is working with local community members to commission the sewing of 500-1,000 face masks to be used by the Red Chris workforce during travel. There could be a need for additional masks on top of this providing some continued economic benefits to those that may have to stay home.

Newcrest provided each of the communities with no touch thermometers that can be used to screen people before they enter the community and at local clinics or offices. On April 16th, two were provided to each community with additional thermometers ordered and awaiting delivery.

Newcrest has placed an advanced care paramedic - 16 years work experience predominantly in the North - to provide rotating services in our three local communities for the next six weeks. The paramedic will assist with outreach work in the communities, wellness checks, educational services, ambulance training, preparations for transportation, and community response abilities related to COVID-19. Newcrest is covering all costs associated with this service.

Newcrest provided 30 loads of firewood logs split equally between Iskut, Dease Lake and Telegraph Creek. Tahltan Forestry Ltd. was engaged to do this work. Newcrest also covered the costs of delivery to the three communities.

Newcrest delivered a 200-litre drum of hand sanitizer, on April 16th, to each of our three communities.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the new measures put in place at Red Chris please contact either:

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Galore Creek Mining Corporation

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the resulting economic uncertainties faced by the mining industry, expenditures on the Galore Creek project have been reduced in 2020, deferring the start of the planned Prefeasibility Study. A core team and funding are in place to meet current permit, environment and community obligations.

The 2020 field program has been reduced to a Care and Maintenance level of operation designed to manage critical safety, environmental, social and regulatory obligations. In addition, environmental baseline sampling and study work will continue at a reduced scale. For any field work that is carried out we will work closely with the Tahltan and the province to ensure that our COVID-19 protocols are aligned with the Tahltan Nation's approach to keeping their communities safe, and with provincial guidelines and regulations for operation of industrial camps and conducting field work.

We are committed to maintaining our relationships with the Tahltan Nation, service providers, contractors, regulators and local communities, and we will ensure that our environmental and regulatory responsibilities are upheld. The quality, scope and understanding of the Galore Creek Project has been significantly improved through recent work, and Project activities and the planned Prefeasibility Study on this world-class project will resume as economic conditions improve. Further updates on the project status will be provided when available.

Dease Lake Update

The Dease Lake Emergency Management Committee continues to meet on a regular basis to keep our community safe.

On Wednesday, Super A began to monitor and limit the number of customers in the store at peak times. We are pleased to say that the feedback was great. Thank you to Silvana Quigley and Lorraine Callbreath for doing such a great job for our community. Also, a big thanks to LDM for providing the orange pilons and TNDC for providing the high visibility vests. Please be advised that this initiative has been put on temporary hold as we continue to look for staff to fill this role. If you are a great communicator and are interested

in a few hours of work per week, please contact Tina Etzerza. Once we have the necessary staff to fill these positions, then the initiative will move forward.

Signs have been erected at both IR 9 and on Boulder Street warning those entering that our community is not open to visitors at this time. If you would like to offer feedback on these signs please contact Tina Etzerza.

The Dease Lake EMC is currently working with Super A and other grocery providers to provide grocery hampers in the future. Stay tuned for more information.

The People's Haven is assisting families with babies and toddlers who need help with such things as diapers and formula.

Kimberley Marion is doing a great job of organizing activities to keep our community members active and engaged. If you have any questions about upcoming events, please contact Kimberley Marion or Tina Etzerza. Remember we are all in this together. Always social/physical distance. Please refrain from going to other people's homes and do not invite others into your home.

Iskut Update

Starting May 1st the Kluachon Centre is giving a 15% discount on GROCERY ORDERS. It excludes Tobacco, Fuel and Lottery.

Just a friendly reminder that the Kluachon Centre is only open to community members. If you need fuel before passing by Iskut, please fuel up in Dease lake or Telegraph as we only let people in who do not have enough fuel to make it to Dease Lake or Meziadin. We ask everyone to respect our rules that are designed to keep our community and Elders safe.

Thank you to the staff of Kluachon Centre who have been doing great job stocking shelves, cleaning the trash around the premises and sanitizing everything.

Our café is busy almost everyday with orders!

A big thank you to our Iskut Emergency Management Team for everything they are doing to keep us safe. Have a question? Please do not hesitate to reach out to one of us:

Maggie Dennis	Iskut Band Manager
Natasha Callbreath	Emergency Coordinator
Anabelle Nole	Family Support Worker
Terri Lynn Mroch	Wellness director
Peggy Abou	Health Director

The groceries we ordered for every household will be arriving today and will be distributed to each house. Thank you to the ladies who spent hours calling everyone and ordering. We are incredibly grateful for all that you do.

The community activities are going great and a lot of our community members are participating, including a lot of prize winners. Bingo is going to be going into 4th week!

We had several of our impressive Iskut youth picking up garbage to win iTunes gift cards.

Just a reminder to contact your local emergency team when you leave town! 14 days of isolation is mandatory for those coming from out of town. Only we as individuals can take responsibility and do our part of stopping the virus from coming into our communities. Lets all protect our people, especially our Elders.

Telegraph Creek Update

The Telegraph Creek gate has been taken down and we will be exploring other options to monitor the traffic in and out of the community for our safety.

Education continues to be a priority and packages are being compiled for distribution. This will be done through the mail, delivered to homes and individual phone calls.

With springtime having arrived, we are seeing an increase in the movement of our members. Please be advised that we need to continue to practice physically distancing, staying at home, self-isolating, and only going out on the land with your family.

Our staff will assist our store on Thursdays and Fridays as these are the busiest days. Store hours will increase to 5 pm on both these days to accommodate the increased traffic. Thursday and Friday. We will station a staff member outside the store to assist with scheduling and managing the three-shopper rule. Our staff will take this opportunity to educate community members and ask if they would like to enter a draw for shopping times on Thursdays. This will alleviate the long wait times for our members who shop for the freshest veggies and fruits for the week. The draw will mean they will have a time slot for their shopping without much wait time. We encourage shoppers to come with a list, as this will also decrease their shopping time. Please be advised that the store manager has decided not to bring in an extra order of fruit and veggies on Friday as she has increased her weekly order to maintain a good supply for the whole week. We are working closely with the Tahltan Center Store Manager to assist and support our local store, working together we can decrease costs and increase the availability for our community.

Community clean-up day went very well and a big thank-you to everyone that helped. Our community is much cleaner and brighter. We have prizes for the cleanest yard, cleanest Elders' yard, and for the children who collected the most bags of garbage. A huge thank you to young Kaleb Vance, who began the community clean-up early in the week and collected several bags of garbage. Well done Kaleb!

The Social Team has been very active; for example, food hampers went out to several homes to assist families with the costs of groceries. A huge meat order was placed for an extra supply of meat in the community and to support our Meals on Wheels program. A

prenatal program will begin the “Good Food Box” for our young families again, this includes milk, cheese, eggs, yogurt, and fruit, which helps support families. A large shipment of diapers and formula has arrived this week to help support our young families.

Bingo continues to be a success in our community. The jackpot for tonight’s game is \$780. We have approximately 40 people playing FB bingo. Our Elders Bingo will continue alternate weeks to help them keep active.

We received another shipment of elastic to continue with our mask making this week, this will provide cloth masks to residents for their use in the store and public places. Cloth masks has also been supplied to the store staff.

30-mile Men’s camp continues to thrive. One cabin is complete and fully insulated, the second one will be complete by the end of the week. The men plan to build a larger kitchen and a smoke house before summer.

Our 50 thermometers and 80 spray bottles for the sanitizer have arrived and half has been distributed to Dease Lake. The sanitizer will be distributed on Monday to homes. We also receive our first shipment of community PPE for our use, this is supplied by FNHA. Just knowing we have these supplies for our community, provides us a greater sense of safety and security.

Our first pharmacy order from Shoppers Drug Mart in Smithers arrived in Telegraph Creek with Bandstra on Wednesday. With the closing of the pharmacy in Dease Lake, due in part to the COVID-19 crisis, this new streamlining of our community prescriptions is a huge relief.

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