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WAHTA COUNCIL SPECIAL STATEMENT ON COVID-19 RESPONSE ACTIONS

Chief and Council, at a duly convened meeting on Wednesday July 8, 2020 discussed the mandated use of face coverings in public places as ordered by the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit. Council regards the order made by the Health Unit, which was delivered under the *Ontario Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act*, to be advantageous in the fight against COVID-19.

Therefore, as of Monday July 13th we are instructing all community businesses and organizations to have a policy requiring the mandatory use of face coverings (i.e non-medical masks) in publicly accessible indoor locations in a manner consistent with the order issued by the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit. Face coverings are medical or non-medical masks that cover the nose, mouth, and chin. Face shields are not an acceptable alternative to a face covering for the purposes of these instructions.

Supplementary material in relation to this order will be provided by the Wahta Emergency Control Group through the Wahta Mohawks website, newsletter, and social media accounts.

We are now at a time where the curve of COVID-19 is flattening, however we are well into the summer and as usual are experiencing the increased volume of travellers and seasonal residents. Muskoka has recorded 30 cases of COVID-19 to date, now is not the time to let our guard down. We thank everyone for their continued cooperation and ask that you continue to practice physical distancing and hand washing in addition to the use of face coverings.

The mandatory use of face coverings in publicly accessible indoor locations in the community will be in place until further notice from authorities at the Health Unit.