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Regarding the Provincial Lock Down and Businesses on Wahta Territory

Wahta Mohawks Council held a virtual meeting today (December 23, 2020) and have resolved that retail businesses on the territory should be following the provincial regulations. The discussions took into account public health concerns regarding COVID-19 as well as looking to avert another situation of massive traffic flooding into the community.

Therefore, Council is not declaring a shut down of businesses, but are firm in ensuring that restrictions are followed per the rules of the provincial lock down. The provincial lock down regulations come into effect at 12:01 a.m. December 26 and will remain in place until January 29.

This means at the door, drive through or curbside pickup of goods will be utilized. Where a convenience store is involved including fuel supply there will be a limit of two persons in the premises at one time provided they can social distance of two metres between customers.

There should be one person in charge of ensuring these restrictions are in place. Any public washrooms at a business should be closed for the duration of the provincial shutdown.

Any business manufacturing or packaging may continue to operate providing they have in place an "Employees Only" policy within the business and proper protocols regarding Protective Personal Equipment for employees is followed, and social distancing and face masks are utilized.

This directive will be in place for as long as the provincial lockdown is in effect and may be reviewed at any time for further changes. The Wahta Emergency Control group and Council are updated regularly by the public health unit and agree with the health measures being taken.

Businesses should be aware that the provincial lockdown falls under Ontario's Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act and is enforceable on the territory. Council will not be able to assist anyone who violates the conditions if they are charged by OPP under this act.

Once again, we are in a position where the COVID-19 situation is worsening and urge all businesses to comply with the conditions. We all need to do what we can to work toward getting back to our regular lives.

Chief Philip Franks