



June 9, 2020

### **Aanii Otonabee South-Monaghan (OSM) Seasonal Residents,**

As you are aware, on April 9, 2020 Hiawatha First Nation set up a check point station on Hiawatha Line as a measure to mitigate the risk of the COVID–19 virus coming into our Community. Today, we are happy to announce that the check point will be taken down June 11, 2020, and Seasonal Residents will be allowed access to their property.

We would first like to say “Chi-Miigwetch” to all of you for your patience and kindness during this time of closure of our Community. We greatly appreciate your understanding and respect of our pandemic planning processes and measures.

On June 11, 2020 the Hiawatha Businesses will also be opening as part of our Stage 1 re-opening process.

#### **Re-Opening:**

- Businesses in Hiawatha will be open from 10:00 am – 6:00 pm
- Old Railroad Stop (ORRS) Restaurant is curb-side pick up only
- Seasonal Cottage Owners will be permitted entry
- Seasonal Cottage Renters will be permitted entry

#### **Remaining Closed:**

- Boat Launch to general public
- Beach to general public
- Playground to general public
- Ball Diamond to general public
- Tent & Trailer Park
- Administration and Health Offices
- Child Care Centre

In order to open our Community, the businesses must have health and safety measures in place, and must be followed by everyone who access these businesses. Should you not comply with the safety measures in place at a business or closed area of Hiawatha you will not be served and asked to leave.

Hiawatha continues to have a “State of Emergency” and “Shelter in Place” in effect. The Province of Ontario also has their Declaration of Emergency in place under the *Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act*.

These orders limit social gatherings to 10 people with implementation of social distancing, hand hygiene, and sanitization measures, and only those with whom you live be in your cottage.

You **must** continue to:

- Have only the people you live with inside your cottage
- Limit gatherings to 10 people, keeping preventive measures in place
- Leave two metres (6 feet) between yourself and next person
- Frequently wash hands with soap and water or use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer
- Cough or sneeze into your sleeve
- Avoid contact with people who are sick
- Avoid touching your face
- We recommend wearing a face mask in public, especially at Hiawatha places of business

**Please Note:** Violation of gathering orders will be reported to the police and fines will be issued. If you are aware of any persons violating this order please call OPP at **1-888-310-1122** to reach the Provincial Communications Centre.

We will continue to use every tool at our disposal to protect the health and safety of our Citizens, HFN and OSM Permanent Residents during the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. The actions taken to date by Hiawatha, and by everyone who stayed home and practiced social distancing made the difference, and allowed for us to begin our Stage 1 re-opening phase.

We still have a way to go with this pandemic and each and everyone of us must take responsibility and continue to practise all measures put into place, including social distancing, hand hygiene, and sanitization to keep each other safe. These measures are also vital for us to be able to move into our Stage 2 re-opening phase.

In closing, we would once again like to say “Chi-Miigwetch” to all of you for your role to keep us all safe and healthy, and for continuing to follow health and safety measures.

Miigwetch,

Chief Laurie Carr,  
On behalf of HFN Council

***“Our Citizens and Community remain our first priority and we will work to mitigate risks for best possible outcomes moving forward through the COVID-19 pandemic.”***