

**BAND COUNCIL RESOLUTION  
RÉSOLUTION DE CONSEIL DE BANDE**

Chronological no:  
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File reference no:  
Covid-19 Emergency Measures

The council of the: **Kanaka Bar Indian Band**

Date of duly convened meeting



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30	03	2020

Province: **British Columbia**

**WHEREAS:**

- A. On March 11, 2020 the World Health Organization declared a Pandemic resulting from the now confirmed global spread of the *novel coronavirus* or Covid-19. The virus has reached Canada and BC.
  - a. Covid-19 is a microscopic virus affecting lungs and is transmitted as respiratory droplet that can travel up to 6 feet in the air when breathed or coughed out. Once ingested, individuals become carriers of the virus for up to 21 days. Symptoms can be and often are mild. However, symptoms can be extreme requiring hospitalization and in worst cases, death.
  - b. Individuals can get the virus by breathing in a droplet suspended in the air or from ingesting the droplet after it has landed and contaminated a surface which is touched by a person who then touches their face.
  - c. No one is immune from Covid-19 and there is no known vaccine.
  - d. There is no known physical barrier which can prevent Covid-19 transmission although social & physically distancing, face masks, rubber gloves and glass partitions can minimize the risk of transmission.
- B. On March 17, 2020, Dr. Bonnie Henry, BC's provincial health officer declared a public health emergency and on March 18, 2020, Mike Farnsworth, Minister for Public Safety, BC, declared a provincial state of emergency all to support a provincewide response to the Covid-19 pandemic.
- C. On March 23, 2020, Chief Patrick Michell, on behalf of Kanaka Council, issued a community information letter with supporting documents, including frequently asked questions prepared by Kanaka staff and an outline of steps to practice social distancing, self-isolation, cleaning surfaces and washing hands
- D. On March 24, 2020 a special sitting of Canadian parliament was convened and approved unanimously was a Covid-19 Emergency Economic Measures to protect Canadians health and the Canadian economy.
- E. No one knows how long Covid-19 will be affecting our lives although evidence suggests we will be dealing with it "into the Summer" and potentially beyond.
- F. We are all at risk and this risk is growing given the number of confirmed cases in BC, and we need to look after ourselves as individuals, as families and as a community to:
  - a. first to prevent Covid-19 transmission and
  - b. make sure that we all have as safe place to live, adequate food and water, cleaning supplies and mental and emotional support.

**NOW THEREFORE THE COUNCIL RESOLVES:**

1. The Chief and Council of the Kanaka Bar Indian Band initiate and staff an Emergency Operations Center effective March 30, 2020.
2. In the absence of current Kanaka employees for relevant EOC positions, Kanaka will contract with:
  - a. KBLR the position of EOC Director.
  - b. KLH the Position of EOC Deputy Director.
3. Chief Patrick Michell will work with EOC staff, Kanaka's CEO and Kanaka's external advisors to design and implement Covid-19 leadership protocols and measures that help protect and provide supports to Kanaka's elders, infirm, residents, staff and visitors.
  - a. Kanaka leadership Covid-19 protocols, measures and supports are to be implemented by Chief Patrick Michell and do not need prior review and approval of Council; although digital communication to full Council will be provided when implementation, distribution and action is required.
  - b. Kanaka leadership Covid-19 protocols, measures and supports will be communicated to EOC staff for implementation or distribution as appropriate and or required.
4. CEOs will design and implement Covid-19 protocols and measures that help ensure the overall health and safety of admin staff and field staff.
  - a. CEO Covid-19 protocols and measures are to be communicated to Chief Patrick Michell contemporaneously with their implementation.
  - b. CEO Covid-19 protocols, measures and supports will be communicated to EOC staff for implementation or distribution as appropriate and or required.


The quorum for the Kanaka Bar Indian Band is three (3)

  
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(Chief Patrick Michell)

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(Councilor Bobby Michell)

  
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(Councilor Daniel Hance)

  
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(Councilor Donna Hance)

  
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(Councilor Pauline Michell)