



**VUNTUT GWITCHIN GOVERNMENT**  
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**VUNTUT GWITCHIN FIRST NATION**

**COUNCIL RESOLUTION 09-14-2023 – #51**

**RE: VGFN CHIEF AND COUNCIL APPROVAL OF VGFN EVACUATION PLAN FOR OLD CROW – AUGUST 2023**

**WHEREAS:**

- A. On August 3, 2023, Council passed resolution 08-03-2023 - #42 which, pursuant to the Community Emergency Act (the “Act”), made and brought into effect:
- (1) a community emergency declaration based on the active and imminent threats posed by wildfires and wildfire smoke near and around Old Crow on Vuntut Gwitchin First Nation Settlement Land (the “**Community Emergency Declaration**”); and
  - (2) a community emergency order establishing certain temporary measures necessary to address the active and imminent threats posed by wildfires and wildfire smoke near and around Old Crow on Vuntut Gwitchin First Nation Settlement Land, including the provision of an evacuation alert and authorization for emergency payments (the “**August 3 Evacuation Alert**”);
- B. VGG staff in consultation with and with the support of Yukon government Emergency Measures Organization staff developed the VGFN Evacuation Plan for Old Crow and reviewed the plan with the VGG Emergency Management Team.
- C. Chief and Council intended to approve the VGFN Evacuation Plan for Old Crow. However, the emergency event prevented this from happening.
- D. On August 9, 2023, on recommendation of the Government of Yukon Wildland Fire Management (“WFM”) and in coordination with Government of Yukon Emergency Measures Organization (“EMO”), Council passed resolution 08-09-2023 - #43, which, pursuant to the Act, amended the August 3 Evacuation Alert to order the evacuation of Settlement Land due to an elevated risk of danger to residents and occupants of Old Crow (the “**August 9 Evacuation Order**”);
- E. The VGFN Evacuation Plan for Old Crow served as the plan for the evacuation of all willing residents of Old Crow for the evacuation of Old Crow that occurred on August 9, 2023. This effort entailed revising an accurate list of all known residents, going door-to-door to communicate the notice and provide instructions on how to evacuate. Staff confirmed residents to depart, who packed 15-10 pounds of luggage, mustered at the Darius Elias Community Hall, and then moved to the airport for air transport to Inuvik. There were five evacuation flights on August 9, plus one additional evacuation flight on August 10 for remaining residents. Two air carriers were used, Air North and Alkan Air.

F. Chief and Council now wish to approve the VGFN Evacuation Plan for Old Crow – August 2023 as the current evacuation plan for Old Crow for threat of fire and smoke.

**THEREFORE THE COUNCIL OF THE VUNTUT GWITCHIN FIRST NATION RESOLVES THAT:**

1. The VGFN Evacuation Plan for Old Crow – August 2023 is hereby approved as the evacuation plan for Old Crow for the summer of 2023.

**THIS RESOLUTION** being duly approved by a consensus of the Council at a meeting duly convened on September 14, 2023 at Old Crow, Yukon.



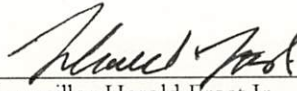
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