



TOWN OF INUVIK

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## MEDIA RELEASE

### STAYING SAFE: THE TOWN OF INUVIK RESPONSE TO COVID-19

**Inuvik, Northwest Territories** – The Town of Inuvik continues to take action in preparation for the potential impacts of COVID-19. The health, safety, and well-being of all community residents and our staff is the Town’s top priority. To this effect, as a pre-emptive measure, the following Town of Inuvik facilities will be closed effective end of day Tuesday, March 17th, until further notice:

- Midnight Sun Complex (the Pool, Squash Courts, Meeting Rooms, Community Hall, Play Zone, Fitness Centre, Roy “Sugloo” Ipana Memorial Arena, the Curling Arena, the Concession)
- Inuvik Centennial Library
- Town of Inuvik Town Hall & Town Office

While Public events and programs run by the Town of Inuvik have been suspended, the provision of all essential services such as water, sewer, emergency response, garbage collection, solid waste site operations, road maintenance, etc. will remain. The Town will update residents as the situation develops. For information on facility closures, programs, service delivery visit our website at [www.inuvik.ca/COVID-19](http://www.inuvik.ca/COVID-19), email [info@inuvik.ca](mailto:info@inuvik.ca) or phone 867.777.8600 and you will be directed to the appropriate Department. Please note that although our facilities are closed to the public, our Staff & Administration will remain working and available to respond to ongoing inquiries and requests.

We encourage residents to consider taking advantage of e-banking through your financial institution where available for the payment of taxes and water billing. For Development Permits or Planning Inquiries please contact our Planning & Development Officer, Kecil Joseph at [kjoseph@inuvik.ca](mailto:kjoseph@inuvik.ca) or phone 867.777.8614. Any other payment inquiries can be made by contacting the [info@inuvik.ca](mailto:info@inuvik.ca) or dialing our front office at 867.777.8600.

As the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak continues to evolve around the world, the Town of Inuvik is working with partners to manage potential impacts within our community. This includes working with the Government of the Northwest Territories and residents to plan for and mitigate impacts, and ensure continuity of local essential services.

The GNWT Department of Health and Social Services is the lead for information and response to pandemic planning in the NWT, and the Town continues to work with them and follow their advice. Get the latest updates from the [GNWT Department of Health and Social Services](#) or the [Government of Canada](#) about COVID-19.

“The Town of Inuvik continues to monitor the situation closely. Although we have had to make some difficult decisions regarding on-going operations of facilities and programs, we have done so with the safety of our residents and employees as our top priority, and will continue to work hard on their behalf to maintain a safe & healthy community,” says Town of Inuvik Mayor Natasha Kulikowski.

For updates and more detailed information regarding particular facilities, programs, and how residents can do their part to help encourage “social distancing” and minimizing potential effects of the potential spread of COVID-19 please visit our website at [www.inuvik.ca/COVID-19](http://www.inuvik.ca/COVID-19)

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