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JOINT EXTENSION REQUEST FOR STATE OF LOCAL EMERGENCY

Date: 05/24/2024

WHEREAS a state of local emergency was declared on May 10, 2024, in relation to wildfires in the Northern Rockies Regional Municipality and Fort Nelson First Nation;

AND WHEREAS life and property remain at risk due to *the* wildfires in the Northern Rockies Regional Municipality and Fort Nelson First Nation;

AND WHEREAS response to this wildfire emergency continues to require use of emergency powers under Section 107 of the *Emergency and Disaster Management Act (EDMA)*, to regulate persons or property to protect the health, safety or welfare of people or to limit damage to property;

AND WHEREAS the Northern Rockies Regional Municipality is contemplating the use or continued use of powers under Section 107 of the *Emergency and Disaster Management Act*, including:

AND WHEREAS the Fort Nelson First Nation is contemplating the use or continued use of powers under a duly signed Band Council Resolution pursuant to the Indian Act (R.S. 1985), including:

- Identify supplies, equipment or other items, services, property or facilities, or a class of any of these, as essential, and in relation to those things:
 - establish or restrain increases in prices or rents for them
 - ration or otherwise provide for their distribution or use
 - provide for their restoration
- Authorize a person to provide a service and give assistance of a type that the person is qualified to provide or give.
- Require a person to provide a service or give assistance of a type that the person is qualified to provide or give.
- Provide for, maintain, and coordinate the provision and maintenance of necessities.
- Appropriate, use, or control the use of any personal property.
- Use or control the use of any land.
- Authorize entry without warrant into any structure or onto any land by any person for the purpose of taking emergency measures.
- Prohibit the entry into any structure or onto any land by any person.
- Authorize or require the alteration, removal, or demolition of any trees, crops, structures, or landscapes.
- Authorize or require the construction, alteration, removal, or demolition of works.



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- Require the owner of a structure to have any damage assessed and provide assessment results to the minister or a person within a class of persons specified by the minister.
- Require a person to evacuate from any area to which a state of local emergency applies.
- Authorize the evacuation of individuals or animals or both, from the area.
- Authorize the removal of personal property from the area.
- Arrange for:
 - the adequate care and protection of evacuated individuals or animals, or both
 - the adequate protection of personal property that has been removed
- Control or prohibit travel to or from any area.
- Control or prohibit the carrying on of a business or type of business.
- Control or prohibit an event or a type of event.
- Require a person to stop doing an activity, including an activity that a person is licensed, permitted, or otherwise authorized to do under an enactment.
- Put limits or conditions on doing an activity, including limits or conditions that have the effect of modifying a license, permit, or other authorization issued under an enactment.

AND WHEREAS the following consultation was done under section 120(3) in relation to the exercise of the powers under section 107:

- The EOC Director contacted the EOC Director of Fort Nelson First Nation in person, by email and phone and spoke with representatives.
- Established an agreement for the proposed approach to re-entry and travel restrictions.

The Mayor of the Northern Rockies Regional Municipality and the Chief Councillor of the Fort Nelson First Nation requests approval to extend the duration of the declaration of a state of local emergency in the area of the Northern Rockies Regional Municipality due to expire on May 24, 2024, at the end of the day for a further 14 days to June 7, 2024 at the end of the day.

Chief Councillor Sharlene Gale,
Fort Nelson First Nation
May 24, 2024

Mayor Rob Fraser,
Northern Rockies Regional Municipality
May 24, 2024



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Minister Decision

IT IS HEREBY **APPROVED** / NOT APPROVED pursuant to Section 96 of the *Emergency and Disaster Management Act* that the Northern Rockies Regional Municipality may:

extend the duration of a state of local emergency declared on May 10, 2024 in respect of a wildfire emergency for a further 14 days to June 7, 2024 at the end of the day.

Associate DM Teresa Dobmeier
on behalf of Minister Bowinn Ma

May 24, 2024
Date Signed



Fort Nelson First Nation

BAND COUNCIL RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION NUMBER: _____

CERTIFIED TRUE COPY OF THE RESOLUTION PASSED AT THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF FORT NELSON FIRST NATION:

Date of duly convened meeting: **10-05-2024**

Province: **British Columbia**

DO HEREBY RESOLVE:

WHEREAS: it has been brought to the attention of Chief and Council by the Director of the Fort Nelson First Nation Emergency Operations Center that Fort Nelson First Nation is in imminent risk due to a wildfire in close proximity;

AND WHEREAS: the Northern Rockies Regional Municipality has declared a local state of emergency for the entire community of Fort Nelson.

THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED:

That Chief & Council hereby declares that the Fort Nelson First Nation Reserve IR #2 must immediately evacuate to ensure safety of the community members.

Dated at Fort Nelson First Nation, in the Province of British Columbia the 10th day of May, 2024

Quorum: 4

Chief Councillor

Sharleen Gale

Councillor

Harvey Behn

Councillor

Chrystal Fincaryk

Councillor

John Michel

Councillor

Patricia Capot-Blanc

Councillor

Archie Harrold

Councillor

Roberta Michel

