JULY 29, 2021
COMMUNITY NOTICE – PANDEMIC PROTOCOL NON-COMPLIANCE ISSUES

The Customary Chief and Headmen are responsible for protecting the health and safety of those residing on Ojibway Nation of Saugeen reserve lands. This notice is intended to provide PUBLIC NOTICE to residents and non-residents alike who are non-compliant with the COVID-19 Pandemic Protocols in place to protect the community.

Pandemic Protocols related to entry onto ONS reserve lands are designed to protect the community. The current Pandemic Protocol is attached to this PUBLIC NOTICE and is posted online and in the community. Going forward, those who choose not to comply with Pandemic Protocols will be held accountable. Chief and Headmen will pursue criminal charges and cost recovery against any individuals who damage ONS property, or threaten the safety of our staff or contract workers.

Recently, the Security Gate at the Main access of the community was vandalized by a resident from the community, causing over $6,000.00 in repair costs. In a separate incident, a non-resident forced her way through security endangering the life of the security personnel. Charges are pending on these serious illegal actions.

From this day forward, Customary Chief and Headmen will issue a LETTER that requires an individual who has breached the Pandemic Protocol to appear before Chief and Headmen to explain their actions. An Appearance Letter will be issued in the following situations:
  - Person gave false name
  - Person hid non-approved visitors in vehicle
  - Non-resident ignored denial of entry direction
  - Person was disrespectful and hostile to staff or security personnel
  - Person refused to stop at security checkpoint, putting security personnel in danger
  - Person caused damage to ONS property.

Failure to comply with the Appearance Letter will result in penalties being imposed. These penalties may include any of the following: hold or cancellation of benefits or services, imposition of monetary penalty, trespass order issued, qualification for housing being suspended.

Most of our residents and visitors are respectfully observing the Pandemic Protocol terms. This PUBLIC NOTICE IS AIMED AT THOSE WHO ARE NON COMPLIANT.

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Customary Chief Edward Machimity

Headman John Sapay Sr.

Headman Eileen Keesic
The COVID-19 Pandemic Team is moving cautiously while the province of Ontario is moving into step 3. We will continue with the Visitor Request forms and we will re-evaluate in two (2) weeks. There will be no changes with our current protocols.

1. Checkpoint personnel will monitor the main access.
   a. Document all vehicles and occupants.
2. Road closed from 12:00 a.m. to 6:00 a.m. (excluding Police and Ambulance)
3. ONS residents only.
4. Shared custody/visitations.
5. 72-hour request for visitors (non-resident).

Continue to follow all safety precautions, hand sanitize, wear a mask, and social distance.

Please treat our checkpoint security with respect and be patient as they perform their job.

Thank you all for your cooperation as we work hard to protect your health and safety.

Pandemic Team