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The Town of Hay River Council puts the health and safety of our community and its residents as our top priority. Amid the COVID-19 outbreak, it is essential that as residents, employees and business owners that we each take every reasonable measure to ensure the health of our citizens and reduce the stress on our installed health care systems. Our top priority as a community must be around public health. Unfortunately, economic sacrifices will need to be temporarily made to protect the long-term health of our residents. Financial support systems are being developed by all levels of government to reduce these economic impacts, but today, we focus on ensuring our friends and family's wellbeing.

Non-essential businesses are being asked to strongly consider suspending their operations, close their doors to the public, and send their employees home. Recognize that these closures are to reduce the risks of infection, help ensure lives are protected, and reduce the total time it will take to get through this crisis.

For residents, stay home. Restrict your leave to purchasing essential goods and services and finding safe, isolated recreation to support physical and mental health. Visiting of friends and family is not encouraged unless to provide needed support services.

For those who have returned from outside of the NWT within the last 14 days, you must self-isolate for a 14-day period. Do not leave your home unless advised so by health officials to seek medical attention. Conduct yourself like you are infected so to not transmit to others, ensuring recommended self-hygiene and sanitization practices are in place. Seek others support to help deliver essential goods such as food and medicines.

Town Council and Administration continue to work closely with local and Territorial officials to bring forward and find solutions to the concerns of our community. While it is a difficult period for us all, working collectively we will get through this and our great lifestyle in the Hub of the North will return!

Stay home, stay healthy.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Kandis Jameson", is written over a light yellow and white background.

Mayor Kandis Jameson