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MEDIA RELEASE – TOWN OF HAY RIVER COVID-19 RESPONSE

Hay River, Northwest Territories – With the evolving COVID-19 outbreak impacting business, government, and residents throughout the world, the Town of Hay River is working closely with various levels of government to manage the impacts within our community and to ensure the continuity of local essential services.

The wellbeing of our community residents during the outbreak is Council and Administration's top-priority. **To support social distancing practices and risks of potential exposure, the following Town of Hay River facilities will be closed to the public effective start of day Tuesday, March 17th through April 14th or until further notice:**

- **Hay River Community Centre (Recreation Centre)**
- **Hay River Visitor Information Centre**
- **Hay River Firehall**

The Hay River Town Hall will be open to the public only between the hours of 12pm to 2pm for the period of Tuesday, March 17th through Friday, March 20th or until further notice. For Town Hall related business outside of these hours, email townhall@hayriver.com or call 867-874-6522.

The provision of essential municipal services such as water delivery, waste management, and road maintenance are not impacted at this time.

Council Chambers will be closed to the public during Council proceedings. Any meetings will be livestreamed through the Town of Hay River's YouTube Channel (search "Town of Hay River").

Several Town of Hay River processes are supported through electronic means. The use of electronic bill payment options through your financial institutions is encouraged. Residents can subscribe for email delivery of utility bills by contacting Town Hall. Other permits, licenses and certificates can be completed and submitted electronically using forms found on the Town of Hay River website (www.hayriver.com/application-forms/).

Further details and updated information related to facility closures and service delivery can be found on our Facebook page (facebook.com/TownofHayRiver/) and our website (www.hayriver.com).



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The GNWT Department of Health and Social Services is the lead for information and response to pandemic planning in the NWT. Their latest updates can be found on their website (<https://www.hss.gov.nt.ca/en>). Information on how the Federal Government is managing the outbreak can be found on their website (<https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/diseases/2019-novel-coronavirus-infection.html>).

“The Town of Hay River continues to monitor the evolving COVID-19 situation closely and is focused at this time on ensuring the safety of our citizens and the sustainment of essential services within the community. While it is unfortunate to announce the Town will be suspending some services, we have done so to ensure the health and wellbeing of our community remains strong,” says Mayor Jameson.

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