



LABRADORWEST

Safety Measures Regarding Covid-19

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Labrador City & Wabush, NL, March 13, 2020 – With the spread of Covid-19 (Coronavirus) headlining news articles around the world, Councils with the Town of Labrador City and Town of Wabush met this morning to discuss what measures need be taken in Labrador West.

While there have been no confirmed cases of Covid-19 virus in Newfoundland and Labrador to date, both municipalities have agreed to follow the Health Canada guidelines and to limit public gatherings of more than 250 people to protect our residents. This means the Cain's Quest Banquet which would have housed more than 1,000 people will be cancelled and Winter Carnival 2020 is postponed until further notice. Any residents who have purchased tickets for a Carnival event may contact the Recreation Department at 709-944-3602 to discuss refund options.

Both Mayor Benoit & Mayor Barron say "they understand there will be disappointment within the communities, but the Town's need to err on the side of caution and make this prudent decision to protect our residents. The municipalities will continue to monitor the situation and will meet again to discuss business continuity for the delivery of services to our residents."

We want to remind residents that everyone has a role to play in reducing the spread of diseases, including Covid-19. It is important to remain calm, get the facts and follow the advice of health authorities, such as washing your hands; not touching your eyes, nose & mouth; avoid close contact with people; cough & sneeze into your sleeve not your hands; stay home if you have any flu like symptoms and to contact 811 prior to a hospital visit.

Thank you for your understanding and helping keep our communities safe for residents and visitors alike.

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