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Membertou Issues Restrictions for COVID-19 (Coronavirus) Safety

MEMBERTOU, N.S – Membertou Council and Corporate have been closely following and monitoring the regulations that have put forth by the World Health Organization, Health Canada, and the province of Nova Scotia.

Today, Chief Terry Paul and Membertou Council have made the decision to implement an essential services-only model, moving forward for the next three-week period.

The Membertou essential operations will continue include: Membertou Health Department and Membertou Wellness Home, Environmental Services, limited services from Membertou Finance Department, and Public Works. The Membertou Market and Chicken and Deli will remain open at this time and will be taking extreme sanitary measures to ensure that all public health and safety guidelines are followed and enhanced. The Membertou Tobacco Shop will also remain open at this time with limited hours to be announced.

The Membertou Band Office and associated facilities, as well as the following businesses will be closed for three weeks and reassessed as needed. Membertou business closures include: Membertou Trade & Convention Centre, Kijus Restaurant, Lanes at Membertou, Membertou Gaming Commission, Membertou Entertainment Centre, Membertou Sport and Wellness Centre, Membertou Heritage Park.

These facilities will close at end of day on Monday March 16, 2020 and will undergo deep cleaning upon closure.

Membertou management will be actively reaching out to clients and customers with existing bookings and reservations to provide refunds as necessary. We ask for the patience of our valued customers as we work through this unprecedented situation.

Membertou School, Daycare and Youth Centre will be closed for two (2) weeks following March Break. Membertou Senior's Club will also be closing to protect the health of community elders.

“Our first priority is the health and safety of our community members and employees in Membertou. As a council, we are here to support our community in time of need, and as we learn more about this virus, we will ensure that proper protocols will be taken, says Chief Terry

Paul. “We’re encouraging our community to be proactive, calm and adhering to all guidelines provided through public health. As a community, we will get through this uncertain time together.”

Employees who can work from home, will be asked to do so. Membertou management will be working with staff on business continuity plans.

The health of the community and our employees is the primary focus. Taking proactive measures, Chief Terry and Membertou council are urging the importance of social distancing and staying at home. Community members are encouraged to follow assessment guidelines through 811, if they think they may be affected.

If you have been travelling outside the country, or in an affected area, Membertou is mandating self-isolation for 14 days.

Updates will be posted via Membertou Community Facebook page, and www.membertou.ca.

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