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Notice to Georgina Island Leaseholders

Wintering on Georgina Island Strongly Discouraged During Pandemic

The 2020 cottage season is coming to an end. Although the COVID-19 restrictions required some changes from previous years, we hope that all leaseholders enjoyed their summer on the island while practicing physical distancing and maintaining their social bubbles.

Autumn has arrived with an increase in COVID19 cases and an increase in public health restrictions. York Region is joining Toronto, Peel, and Ottawa in modified Stage 2 restrictions, and there is an increasing number of cases being reported on First Nations. Some First Nations, such as Beausoleil (Christian Island) have once again closed to leaseholders as of Oct 13, 2020.

Chief and Council would like to strongly discourage leaseholders from staying in their cottages on Georgina Island for the winter. Now is the time to make arrangements for alternate housing on the mainland. Georgina Island leasehold properties are for seasonal use, and should not be your permanent residence.

The scoots and side by sides are provided by the First Nation for members and their households only. Leaseholders will not be permitted on the scoots or the side by sides. Ice roads and landings are for the membership, and can be easily damaged by additional or large vehicle traffic.

Ferry boat restrictions will remain in effect. Transportation staff will continue to inspect vehicles prior to loading onto the ferry. Ferry boat transportation will be limited to leaseholders, and a copy or electronic copy of your lease or property tax assessment will be required. Walk-on passengers are limited to members and First Nation staff.

Together with our Emergency Task Force, Chief and Council are closely monitoring the COVID 19 case numbers and public health restrictions and recommendations. Case numbers in York Region are rising. If cases continue to increase, the First Nation will move quickly to put in place necessary restrictions and public health orders.

Thank you for your cooperation and for helping to keep our community safe from the virus.

Sincerely,

Chief Donna BigCanoe