



**TĶEMLÚPS TE SECWÉPEMC
CHIEF AND COUNCIL EXTRAORDINARY MEETING
MONDAY, MARCH 23, 2020**

MOTION

Community Services Department – COVID 19 – TteS Band Member Comfort Packages & Groceries

MOTION:

To approve the following recommendations as a result of the COVID 19 pandemic as submitted and presented by Hilda Green, Manager, Community Services:

Introduction / Issue:

- Issue: Comfort package / groceries

Background:

COVID-19 British Columbia

- **472 confirmed cases as of 10AM March 23, 2020.**
 - 100 recovered in BC
 - 13 deaths in BC
 - Cases by region:
 - 150 in Fraser Health
 - 30 in Interior Health
 - 39 in Island Health
 - 5 in Northern Health
 - 248 in Vancouver Coastal Health
- 21,296 tests complete as of March 21, 2020

Considerations:

- World Health Organization recommends social distancing AND testing.
- If a person tests positive, then finding out who their contacts are and isolating all.
- We don't have tests so; we don't know who has it and who doesn't.

- We need to keep in mind that COVID-19 is in Kamloops and we don't know who has it and who doesn't.
- Grocery supplies for the comfort packages of Monday at 8am, Cal was able to purchase a limited amount.
- He ordered \$18,000 but was only able to purchase \$500 worth. Enough for possibly 10 families.
- Grocery stores aren't receiving their full orders.
- Major issue for groceries stores is packaging. They don't have a solution as yet.
- We may not be able to supply everyone on the vulnerable list
- Given the need to limit contact, some businesses are not accepting cash, and limited grocery supplies
- Cal can organize the Gift Card purchase by Thursday if he has notice today. He needs time for a large number purchase.

Recommendations:

- Continue with grocery purchase and reassess based on what we can purchase
- If unable to supply everyone on the vulnerable list, then reevaluate and prioritize based on mobility and transportation
- Purchase GCs immediately and will get them by Thursday
- Provide Gift cards and mail out to membership as soon as possible
- No greater than \$30,000 pre-approved budget

- Mover: Councillor Sonny Leonard
- Seconder: Councillor Jeanette Jules
- Discussion: There was further discussion.
- Question: Councillor Thomas Blank
- In Favour: 6
- Chairperson: 1 Chief Rosanne Casimir
- Motion: **CARRIED**

Cc:

Chief and Council
Dessa Gottfriedson, CAO
Freda Jules, A/COO
Hilda Green, Manager, Community Services
Gina Taylor, EA to Chief, COO and CAO
Squwey Gottfriedsen, Executive Secretary to Chief and Council