STATEMENT FROM THE MISSISSAUGAS OF THE CREDIT FIRST NATION ON COVID-19

March 12, 2020

The MCFN Chief and Council are actively taking precautions and actions to address the potential impacts of COVID-19 in our community. A working group has been formed and met this afternoon to discuss precautions to curb the spread of this virus.

We are aware of the many closures and interruptions to service that have taken place in Ontario and in the surrounding communities. At this time, all MCFN programs and services will remain status quo, with additional precautions in place. This includes March Break programming. Chief and Council have taken the position that all workplace travel for staff and for Council will be stopped immediately, until the end of March. At that point, it will be reassessed.

While the risk of contracting COVID-19 is low, MCFN Chief and Council would like to remind everyone that precautions include:

- Regular hand washing with soap and warm water or an alcohol based hand cleanser.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth.
- Maintain social distancing and ensure you practice good respiratory hygiene. Cover your cough or sneeze with your bent elbow or tissue, then dispose of the tissue immediately.
- Be cognizant of travel advisories and if necessary, limit your exposure to large groups.
- If you feel ill, stay home. If you have a fever, cough and difficulty breathing, seek medical attention and follow their instructions.

Those infected with COVID-19 may have little to no symptoms. Symptoms may take up to 14 days to appear. COVID-19 is diagnosed by a health care provider, confirmed through laboratory testing.

For more information on COVID-19, please check our website – www.mncfn.ca

The working group will be meeting tomorrow and will determine how the MCFN will move forward with protecting our community. Updates will be posted on the website and on social media as they become available.