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Exceptional Circumstance Approval: City of Yellowknife Drive-Thru Christmas Parade

Chief Public Health Officer Approval to allow the City of Yellowknife to hold a Drive-Thru Christmas Parade in the Engle District (Kam Lake) on November 21, 2020 Exemption from *Public Health Order – COVID-19 Relaxing Phase 2, effective June 12, 2020* Subparagraph 3(f)).

WHEREAS the Chief Public Health Officer may take certain actions including issuing directions or orders for the purpose of protecting the public health under the authority of the *Public Health Act, S.N.W.T. 2007, c.17, I, Dr. Kami Kandola*, as Chief Public Health Officer of the Northwest Territories have issued the *Public Health Order – COVID-19 Relaxing Phase 2, effective June 12, 2020*.

This **Exceptional Circumstances** approval is issued in accordance with subparagraph 4 of the above mentioned Order. This approval allows the City of Yellowknife to hold an outdoor Drive-thru Parade by following mitigation outlined in the approved application to vary and mitigations document as submitted.

During the Christmas Drive-thru Parade the operators will ensure the following measures are in place:

- Proper traffic flow and management to ensure all participants maintain separation between household groups.
- All floats are parked to allow other vehicles the ability to leave if necessary i.e. no blocking in of vehicles or floats.
- No direct contact between non-household members, Organizers and volunteers (float captains, parade participants as defined by mitigation document glossary).
- Public viewing the parade will remain in their own household vehicles and shall not leave their vehicle.
- Transit or other shuttle buses will seat by household group and mask use will be mandatory.

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- Organizers and volunteers will set up necessary equipment following procedures outlined in mitigation document while maintaining physical distance from one another but no one else shall leave their vehicle.
- Carpooling between non-household members will be actively discouraged.
- Staff and parade participants will be screened for [symptoms for COVID-19](#) and asked if they have been required to self-isolate in the past 14 day. If they are symptomatic or under self-isolation they will be required to go home.
- A list with names and contact information of Staff and parade participants will be kept for contact tracing if required.
- Idling of vehicles shall be kept to a minimum.

And comply with any other conditions set out by the Chief Public Health Officer in the approval granted under subparagraph 3 (a) herein.

If you require any additional information, please contact Protect NWT toll-free at 1-833-378-8297 or by email at protectnwt@gov.nt.ca from 8:00 am - 8:00 pm MT.

Sincerely,

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