



RESOLUTION #3 – FROM NWT TOURISM BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Border Reopening – Saving Summer 2021

Whereas the tourism industry supports the objective of the GNWT to protect the health and safety of NWT Residents while balancing the need to allow essential work to continue; and

Whereas making a living as a licensed tourism operator is essential work and 23% of respondents in the NWT tourism industry survey say their business can survive less than six months without additional government supports, 40% say they are unsure of their ability to survive with additional supports;

Whereas there are unprecedented best practices and standards now established with the World Travel and Tourism Association and the Adventure Travel Trade Association that ensure safe travel; and

Whereas these new standards create an opportunity for GNWT to work now with tourism operators in the hunting, paddling and fishing sectors to develop a safe plan that will enable visitors to travel into the NWT without self- isolation when travelling with NWT Tourism Operators who have been approved by GNWT based on demonstrating their ability to minimize exposure to NWT communities and adherence to these best practices and standards; and

Whereas operators working in remote locations, such as those working in the hunting, fishing and paddling sectors, need to know by February 2021 whether they can commit to clients for summer 2021 or risk losing 2019/20 deposits and 2019/20 clients; now therefore

Be it resolved that the GNWT place a priority on establishing protocols and standards that tourism operators offering tours in remote locations, such as the hunting, paddling and fishing sectors will be required to meet in order to bring guests into the NWT for the summer of 2021, and that the opportunity to bring guests in if operating to these approved standards be confirmed no later than February 1, 2021 along with a clear set of milestone decision dates regarding NWT borders being more broadly open to non-NWT Resident visitors for planning purposes.

Moved by: Dana Hibbard

Seconded by: Joy O'Neill

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Joy O'Neill, Resolution Committee Chair
NWT Tourism Board of Directors

The signature of the Board Resolution Committee Chair is the approval for this item to advance to the 2020 AGM for discussion.