

Penelakut Newsletter Special Edition

March 26, 2020

**Read this.
PLEASE
DO NOT
IGNORE**

Penelakut Tribe



Penelakut Leadership are committed to ensuring the health of all members during this world-wide outbreak of COVID-19. As a result, Penelakut Tribe is asking Penelakut members to enter into a self-imposed State of Emergency effective immediately. Penelakut members and residents are asked to conduct themselves as follows;

- **Only Penelakut Members, and those with special approval will be permitted to be in the community. Outside family members, friends, and non-essential employees are to remain off the island.**
- **Self- isolate as much as possible**
- **Penelakut members should only leave the island for essential shopping, medical appointments and work.**
- **All social gatherings should stop immediately.**
- **All non-essential house repairs are put on hold effective immediately**
- **Penelakut Health will remain open with regular hours. Please report any flu like symptoms immediately. (250-246-9885)**
- **Band office employees will come in as required to ensure all cheques, payroll, and bills are processed on time.**

**It is critical that we practice social distancing during this pandemic. Keep away from others as much as possible, and wash your hands frequently.
Together, we will beat COVID-19**


Jim Chisholm
Tribe Administrator

Penelakut Tribe



Penelakut Mustimuhw

March 25, 2020

As you are aware, we are in the middle of a health pandemic. The COVID-19 virus is very contagious and is spreading quickly worldwide.

I am asking all our members to take all the necessary precautions in your everyday life. Practice social distancing (min 6 feet apart) and minimize your trips off island. Only leave the island if it is absolutely necessary.

Chief and Council made the decision to halt all unnecessary traffic to Penelakut until this crisis ends. I am asking the same of all of you. For the time being, we are asking our community to allow only members, residents, and essential staff to be on our island, and at Tussie. In order for us to beat this pandemic, we need to be strict with isolation. We need to do all possible to keep ourselves, families, and the community safe.

We should all be concerned with our community safety. If you feel that you may have been exposed or have recently attended a gathering of more than 50 people, please quarantine yourself immediately. If you are showing symptoms i.e. sore throat, fever, or cough please call our Health Unit at 250-246-9885 or 811 for further direction. And please isolate yourself in the meantime.

We as Penelakut Mustimuhw have always done great things when we work together. Please, let's all do our part to combat this serious virus and to keep all our community members safe.

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Chief Joan Brown

- * Wash your hands
- * Keep all common areas sanitized
(light switches, door knobs, cell phones, keyboards, phone handles, keys)

- * Only go to town if it is
ABSOLUTELY necessary
- * When you are in town, take all
necessary precautions
(wear gloves, use wipes or whatever is made
available to wipe your cart and gas nozzle);
throw the wipes in the garbage
before you get back into your vehicle

- * Wash your hands with soap and water
(or use sanitizer) and
DO NOT touch your face;
this virus lives on surfaces
for quite some time so
Wipe down surfaces in your home

- * Wash your fruit and vegetables

- * Wash the clothes you wore
when you were in town

- * To be really safe,
Self Isolate
DO NOT let anyone in your home
who doesn't live there

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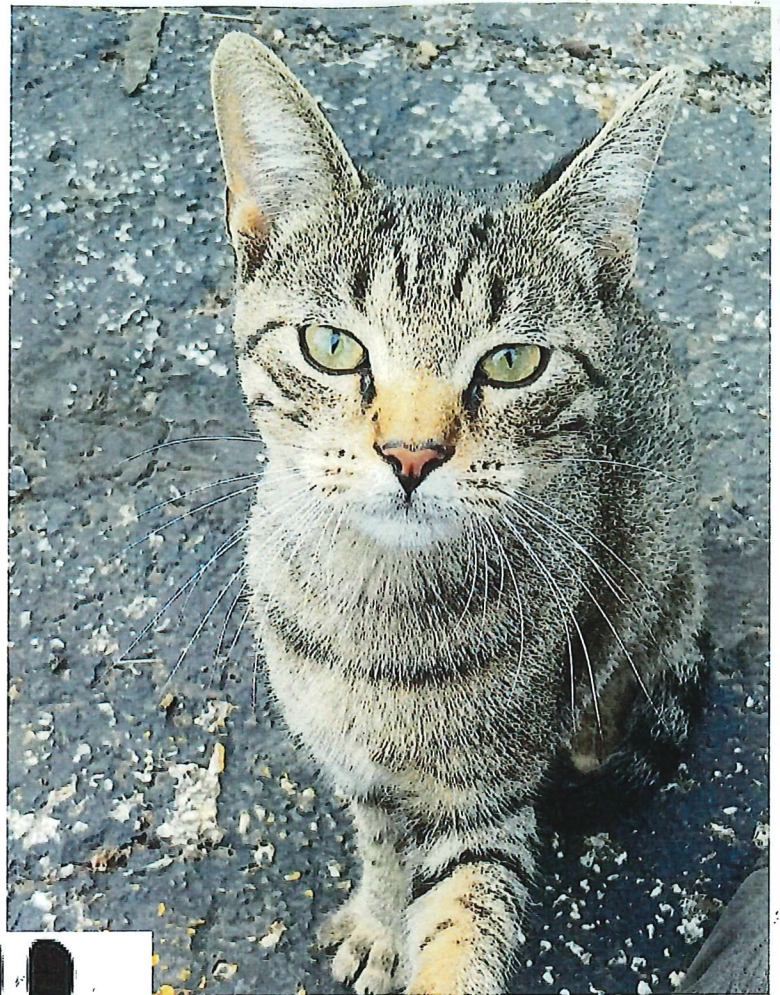
Penelakut Leadership are currently working on opportunities to help our members through these challenging times with COVID-19. We are examining ways that we can help our members on fixed pensions, and our members on social assistance with increased funding to help with the increased costs of food and travel. We are also looking at funding opportunities to help our members with the increased costs of food associated with children being at home rather than at school. We should have some announcements next week and will keep everyone posted. Keep safe.

Chief Joan Brown

The Penelakut Tribal Council and
the Canadian Animal Assistance
Team are pleased to offer a...

FREE SPAY & NEUTER CLINIC

NOTE: Services are
FREE for RESIDENTS of
Penelakut Island ONLY



May 15, 16, 17
at the
PILC
(Penelakut Island
Learning Centre)

PLEASE pre-
register your PET
by calling
250-246-2321



There have been instances of loud and disruptive behaviour at community residences.
(such as Loud Cars, Bone games, loud music, screaming, yelling, arguing, barking dogs, and so on)

We wish to maintain Penelakut as a quiet and peaceful environment for our members and residents who are taking **ISOLATION** seriously.

Please be aware of your behaviour and respect all the people, and their properties, in our community.

Don't ride around late at night (especially while drinking).

Violators may face consequences.

USE AND SALE OF HARD DRUGS IS PUNISHABLE BY LAW

Anyone known to be selling or using will be reported to the RCMP