



Updated Evacuation Order for Yellowknife, N'dilo, Dettah, and the Ingraham Trail

September 2, 2023

WHEREAS the Minister of Municipal and Community Affairs (the “Minister”) issued a Declaration of State of Emergency Order on August 15, 2023, declaring a state of emergency for all of the Northwest Territories in accordance with Section 14(1) of the *Emergency Management Act*, SNWT 2018, c. 17 (the “Act”);

AND WHEREAS the Declaration of State of Emergency was renewed for the period commencing on August 29, 2023 and ending on September 11, 2023 in accordance with Section 14(4) of the Act;

AND WHEREAS the Minister issued an Updated Evacuation Order for Yellowknife, N'dilo, Dettah, and the Ingraham Trail on August 23, 2023, requiring that all non-essential persons present within the community boundaries of Yellowknife, N'dilo, Dettah, and in locations on the Ingraham Trail immediately evacuate those areas;

AND WHEREAS the Minister is of the opinion that the impact of the wildfires burning throughout the Northwest Territories continues to require that non-essential persons, except those persons specified in this Order, evacuate from Yellowknife, N'dilo, Dettah, and the Ingraham Trail in order to protect the safety, health and welfare of people and to limit or prevent damage to property and the environment;

AND WHEREAS the Minister pursuant to Section 17(1)(h) of the Act may cause the evacuation of persons and the removal of personal property and animals from any area within the Northwest Territories that is or may be affected by the emergency;

AND WHEREAS the Minister has assessed the emergency risk and now updates the August 23, 2023 Updated Evacuation Order as follows:

The Minister, pursuant to Section 17(1)(h) of the Act hereby directs as follows:

1. All non-essential persons present within the community boundaries of Yellowknife, N'dilo, Dettah, and in locations on the Ingraham Trail must immediately evacuate those areas.
2. Notwithstanding the above, persons designated by the Territorial Emergency Management Organization to travel into the community boundaries of Yellowknife, N'dilo, Dettah, and to locations on the Ingraham Trail, to provide critical services to reopening of those communities, and those designated to accompany them, are permitted to be present within



the community boundaries of Yellowknife, N'dilo, Dettah, and in locations on the Ingraham Trail.

It is an offence pursuant to Section 25 of the Act for a person to (a) contravene this Act or any order made under this Act; or to (b) interfere with or obstruct any person in the exercise of any power conferred or the performance of any duty imposed by this Act or any order made under this Act.

This Updated Evacuation Order for Yellowknife, N'dilo, Dettah, and the Ingraham Trail is effective as of 9:00am on September 2, 2023 and, unless earlier revoked, will remain in place until the state of emergency, including any further renewal, is terminated.

Information on how to evacuate and resources for evacuees are available by visiting the GNWT's public safety webpage at: <https://www.gov.nt.ca/en/public-safety>