

Important Information Notice for Tsúut'ínà Citizens

Wasting Disease Present in the Area – What You Need to Know This Hunting Season

Dear Tsúut'ínà Citizens,

As hunting season begins, it is important to **be aware that Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD), has been detected in our area.** This **disease affects deer, elk, and moose populations** and can have **serious impacts on wildlife health and local ecosystems.**

Protect our wildlife and treaty hunting rights by staying vigilant during hunting season.

1. Recognizing Signs of Wasting Disease

During your hunts, please watch for animals displaying the following symptoms:

Significant weight loss or emaciation.	Staggering or lack of coordination.	Drooping head or ears.	Excessive drooling or salivation.	Unusual behavior such as lack of fear of people.	Difficulty swallowing.	Increased thirst and urination.
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2. What to Do If You Encounter a Sick Animal

1. Do not approach or consume meat from any animal that appears sick or is showing symptoms described in section 1.
2. Report your sighting and location to **lerd@tsuutina.com**

3. Stay Informed and Safe

It is strongly advised to have harvested animals tested before consumption. Please adhere to all safety protocols and respect posted advisories in the area. For more info visit the official website of Alberta Environment and Parks.

4. Additional Resources

- *Alberta: Chronic Wasting Disease Information*
- *CDC: Chronic Wasting Disease*

