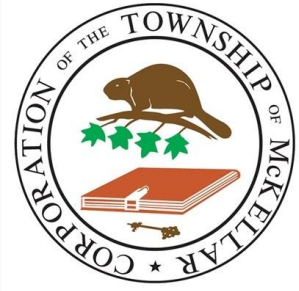


Media Release



Townships of Carling and McKellar

Townships of Carling and McKellar Declare an Emergency

Friday March 27th 2020 – 10:00

The Council and Staff for the Townships of Carling and McKellar have taken significant steps to limit the potential spread of the COVID-19 virus.

Of significant importance, no one in the Parry Sound Area has tested positive for the COVID-19 virus and we would like to maintain that statistic, as long as possible, by taking drastic steps now.

Both Townships have decided to declare an Emergency and closed our offices to the public. This precautionary measure has been put in place to protect our community as the number of positive COVID-19 cases continue to increase throughout the Province.

Mayor Peter Hopkins of McKellar stated:

“Yesterday, our CEMC group met and agreed to declare a state of emergency for the municipality of McKellar due to the pandemic COVID-19.

We unanimously felt that we have to do everything we can to keep our citizens and staff safe and prevent the spread of COVID-19 cases to McKellar and the area. We are encouraging everyone to follow the clear rules of distancing themselves from others, 14 days of isolation if returning from travel, washing hands and avoiding groups.

We will continue to keep you informed re COVID-19 and Municipal and area actions on our various websites and Facebook pages.

Stay safe”

Further Mayor Mike Konoval of Carling added:

“We are proceeding with extreme caution to protect the health and wellbeing of our community members. As our summer residents return to our community from other places that have known cases of the COVID-19 virus we ask you to self-isolate. Don’t go to stores; stay in your homes. If you need supplies, reach out to friends and neighbours. Community Groups are rising to the challenge and can assist you, if needed. Please stay safe, continue to wash your hands and practice social distancing. We will get through this together as a community”.

The Parry Sound area Community Emergency Management Coordinators have chosen to post information regarding the COVID-19 virus in one central location on the Town of Parry Sound’s website. You can access this information here <https://www.parrysound.ca/en/index.asp>

For those needing assistance or wanting to offer help at this time please visit www.parrysound.ca/help

If you have any questions or need more information please do not hesitate to contact us by phone or email. Email is the best way to reach staff at this time.

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