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CEMC latest actions: follow up comments

Yesterday, our McKellar CEMC group met to find additional ways to ensure our community and our citizens are safe from the rapidly expanding Covid 19. We are at a critical juncture of a global pandemic- one in which everyone is working together to control its spread and preventing unnecessary deaths. We have listened to the Federal and Provincial Chief Medical Officers and Health experts, the Prime Minister, Premier, the OPP, the Federation of Cottage Associations and various local, rural municipalities and CEMC groups. Unanimously, they have stated the following: We are in the beginning stages of the pandemic with a couple of critical weeks ahead for us. To stop the virus and prevent it from spreading: stay at home and limit your movements, no non-essential travel, do not go out unless an emergency, shop for groceries once a week or less, social distance yourself, wash your hands, do not touch your face. By everyone working together we can reduce the spread of Covid 19 and return to normal.

We have taken a number of measures- (some provincially mandated) to keep you, our staff and our community safe and to help prevent the spread of Covid 19. These decisions are not done lightly but with the above purpose. This is a new world pandemic and demands new, tough reasonable, decisions and actions. Please encourage all to abide by the travel, fire, boat launch, transfer station emergency directives.

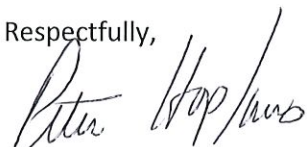
Our McKellar community is special and is made up of many different elements. We are an older rural, northern community that relies on an unique mix of seasonal residents, tourists and guests to remain viable. We will continue to explore ways to help those who are vulnerable and in need.

The latest projections indicate we will be challenged by this virus into the summer with some restrictions continuing until a vaccine is found. This scenario depends on all of us following all the health directives.

All members of Council and staff are essential to ensuring we are a safe community by supporting these necessary emergency measures.

Thank you for your understanding in these difficult and unpredictable times.

Respectfully,



Mayor Peter Hopkins