



Township of Addington Highlands Declares State of Emergency due to COVID-19 Pandemic

At 1:00 pm on March 26, 2020, Reeve Henry Hogg declared a State of Emergency for the Township of Addington Highlands. This declaration implements the emergency plan of the municipality and will help protect the health, safety, well-being and property of residents. This declaration of a State of Emergency is effective immediately and will remain in effect until further notice.

The declaration of an emergency under s.4.(1) of the Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act provides the Township of Addington Highlands with all options available to protect the health and safety of individuals and families living in Addington Highlands.

Working with the County of Lennox & Addington, the member lower-tier municipalities and community partners, the Township of Addington Highlands has been pragmatic in managing the COVID-19 situation.

The Township of Addington Highlands Emergency Operations Control Group met on Thursday March 19th and will continue to meet as the pandemic progresses. Those Control Group members have been actively participating the County's Joint Emergency Operation Centre (EOC). This team has met daily to ensure a coordinated approach in dealing with COVID-19.

With evidence of community spread of COVID-19 in the KFL&A region, it has been determined an emergency exists within the Township that places residents at risk. "We must act now to address this serious public health threat." said Dr. Kieran Moore, Medical Officer of Health at KFL&A Public Health. "This situation clearly illustrates the highly contagious nature of COVID-19 and emphasizes the importance of practicing physical distancing and self-isolation in order to control the community spread of the virus."

"COVID-19 is a serious threat to our community. We need everyone to please do their part in controlling the spread of the virus by practicing social distancing and self-isolation" stated Reeve Hogg. "Both my wife and I have been self-isolating for the past 14 days"

Precautions to prevent transmission include self-isolation, maintaining at least 2 metre distance from others, avoiding all unnecessary travel, washing your hands often, and regularly disinfecting high touch zones in shared spaces in your home.

The Township has been proactive in its response to COVID-19 and will continue to take action to help contain the spread of this virus. Although the municipal office is closed to the public, essential services will continue to be provided. Staff are working and will continue to respond to call and emails.

For ongoing COVID-19 updates and ways to best protect you and your family visit www.Kflaph.ca/Coronavirus or www.Ontario.ca/coronavirus