



Friday, March 20, 2020

The Township of Drummond/North Elmsley activated its Emergency Management Community Control Group (CCG) last week. The CCG meets at least weekly to review the latest guidance from the Public Health Agency of Canada and relevant local, provincial and federal health authorities. We are working to ensure that our municipal practices are aligned with the latest recommendations to minimize the spread of the virus.

WE ARE TAKING IMPORTANT STEPS TO HELP YOU STAY PROTECTED

We've implemented our business continuity plan so that essential services continue while staff enact the social distancing required to keep employees and all community members safe.

A small staff group is working at the municipal office via phone and email while the building remains closed to the public. The Roads Crew continues with spring road maintenance as weather conditions allow. Preparations for the reconstruction of Tennyson Road are ongoing. Curbside collection of garbage and recycling continues as usual; the landfill is open for normal operations except for the ReUse Centre, which is closed until further notice. Building inspections continue with some modifications for occupied, interior spaces to ensure social distancing .

WORK WITH US REMOTELY

Township staff and Council are limiting in-person meetings until the virus is no longer a threat to any of us. To keep everyone safe, we have some employees working from home while the rest of us maintain appropriate distances at work. For meetings that must be conducted in person, we are taking additional precautions :

- Staff clean their hands frequently with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, or with an alcohol-based hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol.
- No hand shaking. Reducing physical contact is in the best interests of everyone's health and safety.
- Staff are cleaning and disinfecting workstations, door handles, counters, tables and other commonly touched surfaces regularly.



- We continue to inform our employees and the public about preventive hygiene methods to minimize the potential risk of infection.
- We encourage responsible containment measures by ensuring that any employee who is required to be quarantined will be paid and have access to their benefits during that time.

BEING VIGILANT

These precautionary measures have been taken to limit the potential spread of the virus, to support our employees in this challenging time and to ensure we maintain our ability to serve residents.

We ask everyone to please be diligent in protecting yourselves against contracting the virus and recommend that you follow <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/diseases/coronavirus-disease-covid-19.html> for the latest information on how to stay safe and healthy.

If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to reach out to us at the municipal office: 613 267 6500.

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