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## Town of Dalhousie

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**Public Service Announcement for immediate release**

### **Update – Coronavirus disease (Covid-19)**

**Dalhousie, N.B.** - The Town of Dalhousie wishes to inform residents that it is monitoring the Covid-19 situation very closely and following instructions given by the Public Health Agency of Canada and the Office of the Chief Medical Officer of Health for New Brunswick.

Here are steps we are taking to protect our employees, continue to provide essential services to residents and help reduce the spread of the virus. **These measures are based on current information and may change as the situation continues to develop.**

#### **Facilities and activities**

Following the recommendations of the Chief Medical Officer of Health of the province to not have groups of more than 150 people and to respect the social distance of 6 feet (2 meters), our recreational facilities (except parks and trails) will be closed to the public effective immediately, until further notice.

The Inch Arran Arena and the Recreaplex pool and gym will be closed to the public.

These measures will reduce the spread of the virus and protect the health of our employees and community.

## **Essential Services**

It is business as usual for our organization, including snow removal, garbage collection, water and wastewater utilities, etc. We have taken steps to protect our employees and will ensure we follow recommendations as per the Chief Medical Officer of Health of the province. In the event of an emergency officials will correspond with the public through all available web streams and platforms. The Town of Dalhousie will make every attempt to keep our website updated with current information as it becomes available.

## **Bill Payments**

Your payments can be made online or at Town Hall for the time being unless further developments arise.

## **Town of Dalhousie Regular Public meetings**

Town meetings will remain open to the public unless further developments arise.

## **Travel for Training and Meetings or vacation Outside the Province for Employees**

For prevention reasons, work-related travel for training and meetings that were to take place outside of the province are suspended for our employees until further notice. Any employees who have travelled outside of New Brunswick **will be quarantined for 14 days from all public spaces within the Town of Dalhousie's authorization.**

## **Reducing the Possibilities of Transmission**

The Mayor and Council urge all businesses that have not already implemented similar changes, to consider ensuring the protection of their employees while creating policy to help reduce the potential spread of the virus.

We asked that anyone who has recently travelled outside of New Brunswick, to **self-quarantine themselves for a period of at least 14 days** upon return to Dalhousie.

Here are the measures suggested by the Office of the Chief Medical Officer of Health for New Brunswick to reduce the possibility of spreading the virus:

- Wash your hands often.
- Cough and sneeze into the elbow.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth with your hands.
- Cough into a tissue and throw it away.
- Stay home if you are sick.
- Avoid contact with a sick person.
- Use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer if there is no soap and water.

We are in contact with the Province's Emergency Measures Organization and are currently reviewing Town operations to ensure business continuity and service delivery (especially essential services) in the event of emergency activation.

Additional measures may be added as directed by the New Brunswick Office of the Chief Medical Officer of Health. We will keep you informed through our social media sites and website.

For more information, please visit the following websites:

[https://www2.gnb.ca/content/gnb/en/departments/ocmoh/cdc/content/respiratory\\_diseases/coronavirus.html](https://www2.gnb.ca/content/gnb/en/departments/ocmoh/cdc/content/respiratory_diseases/coronavirus.html)

<https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/diseases/coronavirus-disease-covid-19.html>

Mayor, Council and staff  
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