



March 13, 2020

**Public Service Announcement
For Immediate Release**

Update – Coronavirus disease (COVID-19)

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

Here are the 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 the information we currently have. They may change as the situation continues to develop.*

FACILITIES AND ACTIVITIES

Following the recommendation 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 metres), our recreational facilities (except our parks and trails) will be closed to the public effective Monday, March 16, until further notice.

The Public Works Facility and Civic Centre will also be closed to the public.

These measures will reduce the spread of the virus and protect the health of our employees and community. In all other respects, it is business as usual for our organization, including snow clearing, garbage collection, water and wastewater utilities, etc.

CLEANING OF TOWN FACILITIES

The municipality has already taken measures in its facilities to try to reduce the risks of contamination.

- The frequency of cleaning in high traffic areas has been increased.
- Additional cleaning has been introduced in public areas.
- New automatic hand sanitizing stations have been installed throughout Town Hall.
- Posting of COVID-19 information posters produced by the government.
- Monitoring of soap dispensers in order to ensure that they are always filled.

BILL PAYMENTS

Your payments can be made online or at Town Hall.

TRAVEL FOR TRAINING AND MEETINGS OUTSIDE THE PROVINCE

For prevention reasons, work-related travel for training and meetings that were to take place outside the province are suspended for our employees.

REDUCING THE POSSIBILITIES OF TRANSMISSION

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 at home if you are sick.
- Avoid contact with a sick person.
- Use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer if there is no soap and water.

https://www2.gnb.ca/content/gnb/en/departments/ocmoh/cdc/content/respiratory_diseases/corona_virus/protect-yourself-and-others.html

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 an 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/corona_virus.html

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

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