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Municipality of Brockton Declares a State of Emergency in Response to COVID-19

Brockton, ON, March 23, 2020 – Mayor Chris Peabody has officially declared a state of emergency in the Municipality of Brockton in response to Covid-19. Declaring an emergency allows the Municipality of Brockton to make use of all tools at its disposal to protect the health and well-being of all residents and businesses, including accessing any provincial funding that may become available in the future.

“The actions we take now are critical to help slow the spread of COVID-19 and protect and help Brockton’s vulnerable residents. I have made this declaration to emphasize the importance of following the requests made by the Province of Ontario and Canada about self-isolating and maintaining physical distance when going out for essentials such as food or medical needs. Brockton is a resilient community that comes together to weather tough times and we can help to protect each other by staying home”.

The Municipality of Brockton will continue to take all steps necessary to maintain essential services for our residents and local businesses. Residents are encouraged to visit www.Brockton.ca/Covid19 for up-to-date and accurate information about municipal services.

The declaration has been made as a precautionary step at this time. The Municipality of Brockton is urging all residents to do the following:

- Stay at home as per the Provincial and Federal requests
- Avoid gatherings
- Practice adequate social distancing
- Wash your hands for 15-20 seconds with soap and use hand sanitizer
- Cough or sneeze into your arm
- If you have any symptoms, self-monitor and self-isolate, and contact a health care professional if symptoms persist
- If you have travelled outside Canada recently, ensure you self-isolate for 14 days

For more information, please see the following:

Grey Bruce Health Unit: <https://www.publichealthgreybruce.on.ca>

Province of Ontario: <https://www.ontario.ca/page/2019-novel-coronavirus>

Health Canada: <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health.html>

World Health Organization: <https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019>