

March 17, 2020

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

ADDITIONAL MUNICIPAL MEASURES TO HELP REDUCE THE SPREAD OF THE NOVEL CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)

Shelburne County, NS, - This morning, all five municipal units in Shelburne County, involving the Mayors/Wardens, senior staff, Emergency Measures Operations (EMO) personnel and a staff representative from EMO NS, met again via teleconference to discuss the implementation of additional measures to reduce the spread of the virus all while continuing to provide essential services.

In light of the rapidly evolving effects of the virus, the following steps are being implemented as of 4:30 p.m. today, March 17, 2020:

- All municipal offices and facilities will be closed until April 6th, 2020. This closure will be reassessed as necessary.
- All non-essential services, such as by-law enforcement, shall be reduced, in favor of more critical municipal services.
- All recreation related activities are suspended until further notice.
- All municipal related travel is suspended until further notice.
- Interest charges for the month of March are being waived.

The municipal units will continue to operate and provide the essential services to its residents. We urge residents to check with their local unit to understand which services will continue and in which manner they will be served.

We want to remind our residents that this is a time in which we need to come together and think about each other. Helping our neighbors and those most vulnerable, along with our personal safety is necessary. There is no doubt that these challenging times can cause anxiety and stress but there is no need to panic. The residents of Shelburne County are resilient, considerate and supportive which will all help make the best of this situation.

Finally, being prepared and staying informed is vital and we encourage everyone to continually visit <https://novascotia.ca/coronavirus> for up to date information.