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Municipality of West Perth Declares State of Emergency

March 26, 2020, West Perth, ON — Mayor Walter McKenzie has issued a declaration of emergency in the Municipality of West Perth as part of the Municipality’s ongoing response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

“While Perth County only has two confirmed cases by Huron Perth Public Health, we need to be proactive to manage the spread of COVID-19, so I am taking strong action ahead of additional cases. Our Emergency Operations Centre has been activated to respond to this rapidly evolving situation. Municipal services have been adjusted to ensure we are doing what we can to protect the health and safety of residents and staff as we continue to deliver essential services to the community,” said Mayor Walter McKenzie. “We need to take strong action as a community in stopping the spread of COVID-19 as these measures are not only for yourself and for your family, but for everyone.”

The Municipality is following the lead from the Province of Ontario, although many of the measures introduced by the Province on March 17 had already been in place in West Perth.

The Local State of Emergency was declared for the following reasons:

- To raise public awareness regarding the gravity of the COVID-19 pandemic situation,
- To protect volunteers that may be called to assist,
- To preserve the rights of the Municipality for future compensation should it become available; and
- To ensure the organization can quickly respond to other unforeseen events should they arise.

The Municipality of West Perth acknowledges that this is a fluid situation that we are continuously monitoring. The Municipality is committed to keeping West Perth residents informed through our dedicated webpage westperth.com/covid-19 and to provide more information about the Municipality’s response as it becomes available.

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