

**MEETING REPORT
MUNICIPALITY OF SOUTH DUNDAS
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
April 23, 2020**

**Municipal Office, Morrisburg
1:00 p.m.**

Present: Cameron Morehouse (Community Emergency Management Coordinator), Mayor Steven Byvelds, Deputy Mayor Kirsten Gardner, Brenda Brunt, Shannon Geraghty, Jeff Hyndman, Danielle Watson, Denis Villeneuve, Ethan Robert, Kalynn Helmer, Sarah McMillan

1. Coronavirus (COVID-19) Update from Dr. Paul Roumeliotis

Dr. Paul Roumeliotis provided an update concerning COVID-19, stating that total infections have risen above 2.5 million, with over 190,000 deaths recorded globally. He noted that Ontario has 12,879 cases and 713 deaths with a total of 17 cases in SDG. No deaths have been recorded within the EOHU jurisdiction. Dr. Paul Roumeliotis provided an overview of the response to outbreaks in long-term care homes, noting mandatory testing, PPE and prevention requirements and expanded testing for frontline staff and emergency workers.

Dr. Paul Roumeliotis provided details regarding a COVID-19 positive case at a local grocery store, stating that any essential workers should stay home if they feel sick. He provided guidance related to landscaping and garden centers, noting that they are required to follow the same procedures as hardware stores. He provided clarification on landfill sites and marina services, noting marinas were not included in the essential services list, with limited exceptions.

Dr. Paul Roumeliotis highlighted current predictions and forecasting related to the spread of COVID-19 and the impacts of social distancing. He stated it is difficult to predict, though more clarification would be available over the coming weeks regarding the lifting of restrictions.

Dr. Paul Roumeliotis thanked the staff of the EOHU for their dedication and work through COVID-19 pandemic.

2. Coronavirus (COVID-19) Update

CEMC Morehouse provided an overview of the call with Dr. Paul Roumeliotis.

Mayor Byvelds noted that the low numbers in the area were encouraging. He discussed the current fire ban and the landfill closure.

Deputy Mayor Gardner discussed contingency plans if recorded cases spike after restrictions and social distancing measures are relaxed.

CAO Geraghty provided an overview of current staffing. He stated that staff have been following all procedures when in the office, including limiting total staff in the office to less than five. He discussed employee screening and contractors.

Brenda Brunt provided details related to call volume, and common questions regarding marinas, the burn-ban and property taxes.

Jeff Hyndman noted Public Works had returned to full staffing. He noted that all municipal owned boat ramps are barricaded.

Denis Villeneuve noted all contractors making repairs in the water and wastewater plants were following required procedures.

Danielle Watson noted that any municipal campgrounds would remain closed until further notice. The Committee discussed options related to opening the landfill site, including staff safety, communications and payment. The Committee agreed to maintain the closure pending more information.

CEMC Morehouse discussed lifting the burn ban in South Dundas. The Committee agreed to lift the burn ban on Monday, April 27, 2020. Additional Staffing resources will be brought in to assist with call volume.

CEMC Morehouse highlighted that Milano Pizzeria donated twenty \$20.00 gift cards to the Fire and Emergency Services Department. The Committee agreed to donate the gift cards to the Morrisburg Community Food Share.

The following actions took place:

	ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTION
1.	Burn Ban	The Committee discussed lifting the burn ban on Monday April 28, 2020	Lift burn ban – communicate to public.
2.	Gift Card Donation	The Committee discussed donating the Milano Pizzeria donation.	The gift cards to be donated to Community Food Share.
3.	Next Meeting		TBD or Thursday after call with Dr. Paul Roumeliotis on April 20, 2020.