

**MEETING REPORT
MUNICIPALITY OF SOUTH DUNDAS
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
March 24, 2020**

**Municipal Office, Morrisburg
4:00 p.m.**

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

1. Coronavirus (COVID-19) Response

CEMC Morehouse provided an overview of the most recent call with Dr. Paul Roumeliotis highlighting current case load (4), the potential for future enforcement of quarantine orders, community transmission, consistent messaging and details related the provincially mandated closure of all non-essential business in Ontario. CEMC Morehouse noted that additional resources were being deployed to accommodate the influx of calls to the Eastern Ontario Health Unit.

Mayor Byvelds noted consensus in the current response by the Municipality and will make adjustments as required or directed as the situation changes.

Chief Morehouse noted that signs communicating to the public the risk associated with play structures are in development and will be posted this week.

CAO Geraghty stated that EDO Hunter is developing communications related to resources for the local business community. He highlighted that Rideau St. Laurence Distribution Inc. was suspending time of use rates for the next 45 days as of March 24, 2020.

Danielle Watson stated that the landfill was an essential service and will remain open. She noted that they will continue to monitor the situation and will adjust procedures as required.

Jeff Hyndman stated that the municipality has some surplus signs if required.

Sarah McMillan provided an update regarding the pending educational transfer payment to the Ministry of Education. She noted that updated regarding an extension of the March 31, 2020 deadline has not been provided.

Brenda Brunt highlighted that the Municipality was receiving a high volume of calls related to the COVID-19 situation. Ms. Brunt noted that the medical clinic

located downstairs was locking the doors briefly during the lunch period, and that this had been resolved.

Denis Villeneuve provided an update regarding Water and Wastewater Services, noting that additional cleaning supplies had been distributed and that staff were working a split shift to ensure continued service.

Mayor Byelds discussed potential next steps including a potential move to a state of emergency and the implications of that decision on staff, services and the public.

The following actions took place:

	ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTION
1.	Playground Signs	Committee discussed the need/desire to prevent children from playing on municipal structures.	Signs to be developed and distributed to all municipal play structures outlining the risk associated.
2.	Local Business Resources	Committee discussed how and what services are in place to aid local businesses in response to COVID-19.	EDO Hunter to provide communications and options for local business to access resources.