

**MEETING REPORT  
MUNICIPALITY OF SOUTH DUNDAS  
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE  
MAY 12, 2020**

**Municipal Office, Morrisburg  
2:30 p.m.**

**Present: CEMC Morehouse**, Deputy Mayor Kirsten Gardner, CAO Shannon Geraghty, Brenda Brunt Jeff Hyndman, Sarah McMillan, Danielle Watson, Kalynn Helmer, Chris Paulino, Denis Villeneuve

**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 4.5 million, with over 290,000 deaths recorded globally. He noted that Ontario has 20,904 cases and 1,839 deaths with a total of 21 cases in SDG. HE noted a total of nine (9) deaths in the EOHU region due to COVID-19.

Dr. Paul Roumeliotis noted that daily case rates are reducing within Ontario, reflecting a flattening of the curve across the province. He stated that testing had been completed at all nineteen (19) long-term care facilities within the EOHU jurisdiction, with one additional case discovered through the process. He highlighted that testing captures a specific point in time, and that the potential spread of COVID-19 is still a threat to the institutions.

Dr. Paul Roumeliotis provided details and clarification regarding the upcoming May long weekend activities, noting garage sales are not permitted, though he noted enforcement would be difficult. Dr. Paul Roumeliotis provided clarification regarding building permits, noting that municipalities may issue permits if the construction is deemed essential by the Province.

Dr. Paul Roumeliotis noted that where social distancing measures can not be safely implemented, masks are being recommended. He noted that the Province is currently at the pre-Stage One phase.

**2. Coronavirus (COVID-19) Update**

CAO Geraghty provided an overview of the call with Dr. Paul Roumeliotis. CEMC Morehouse noted that Premier Doug Ford is scheduled to provide more information on Thursday, May 14, 2020. He noted that dog grooming services are not an essential service.

CEMC Morehouse, Brenda Brunt and Deputy Mayor Gardner noted several questions and complaints regarding the closure of boat launches and marinas within the Municipality. The Committee discussed the direction provided by Dr.

Paul Roumeliotis regarding the boat launches and marinas, noting that municipalities in the United Counties of Leeds and Grenville had resumed normal operations. Kalynn Helmer noted that she had communicated directly with the public via social media and had a good response to the messaging. The Committee concluded that the boat launches and marinas will stay closed until further direction from the Province and Dr. Paul Roumeliotis.

CEMC Morehouse noted that PPE supplies were being restocked and noted if there are any additional requests to place an order with him.

Brenda Brunt inquired about the Dundas County Archives. The Committee discussed having the Staff member return, but not open to the public. The Committee discussed the Carman House Museum, noting it would remain closed pending potential renovations. Brenda Brunt inquired on enforcement reporting regarding COVID-19. CEMC Morehouse noted that reporting was not required, as no tickets have been issued, and staff have been focusing on education. The Committee discussed homemade masks and where they can be purchased.

Jeff Hyndman discussed the order for plexiglass dividers for all work trucks.

Danielle Watson provided an update regarding the Matilda Landfill. She noted that the landfill resumed regular hours and operations with modifications for COVID-19 on Tuesday, May 12, 2020. She noted that the debit machine had lost signal. The Committee discussed potential solutions and providing a cell-booster for the landfill location. She noted that a total of 75 users attended the site on the first day, and that not all the trips could be deemed necessary. Kalynn Helmer noted that additional messaging could be developed to address the issue.

CAO Geraghty noted the extension of the provincial emergency order and its impact on return to work measures. He noted a potential return to work on a rotation or staggered schedule on June 1, 2020, dependent on direction from the Province. He expanded on the plexiglass guards for work trucks, noting cost and funding available. He noted there would be no impact to the truck due to the installation of the guards.

CEMC Morehouse noted that face shields have been ordered and will potentially be available on Friday, May 15, 2020.

Deputy Mayor Gardner discussed the South Nation Conservation tree giveaway this Saturday, May 16, 2020.

	<b>ITEM</b>	<b>DISCUSSION</b>	<b>ACTION</b>
1.	Dundas County Archives	Committee discussed how and when to open the facility.	Staff may return to work. Stay closed to the public until further notice.

2.	Landfill Payment	Committee discussed way to boost cell signal to improve transactions at the dump.	Staff to work to boost cell service at dump for Thursday.
3.	Landfill Communications	Committee discussed further clarification on what an essential trip to the dump is.	Kalynn to develop additional messaging in consultation with Danielle/Brenda.
4.	Next Meeting		Thursday 2:15 p.m. after Premier Ford's press conference.