

NEWS RELEASE



The City of Brockville and COVID-19

IMMEDIATE RELEASE

April 15, 2020 - 10:00 am – Council Proclamation Community Emergency

City Council at a meeting held on Tuesday, April 14th, passed a resolution stressing the seriousness of the pandemic we are facing and the vital importance of continuing all measures possible to mitigate the spread of the virus within our community including hand washing, social distancing, staying home and only going out when essential for groceries, prescriptions or doctors appointment.

"Although Brockville City Council continues to manage the City's operations and response to COVID-19 without declaring a state of emergency, we do recognize the need to ensure our citizens appreciate the gravity of the situation. Making this proclamation delivers this much needed public message while continuing to allow us to position the City to react effectively to the ever-changing crisis. City Council continues to have complete faith in our current structure and the staff and organizations we have access to at this time." - Mayor Jason Baker

Please see the attached Excerpt from the April 14th Council Meeting.

The City of Brockville continues to closely monitor all of our continuing services to ensure both the safety of our citizens as well as our staff.

The City of Brockville will continue to take all the necessary steps to modify our services to ensure our community and staff stay safe.

The City would also like to remind and encourage everyone to follow the recommendations of our public health agency:

- Properly wash your hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds or with an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.
- Engage in proper cough or sneeze etiquette, including but not limited to covering your mouth and nose with your bent elbow or tissue when you cough or sneeze and disposing of used tissues immediately
- Avoid touching eyes, nose and mouth
- Refrain from shaking hands with another person
- Practice social distancing of at least 2 metres
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces

If you have symptoms of a respiratory illness of any kind (e.g. fever, coughing, shortness of breath, etc.) you are asked to stay home and seek medical treatment.

The City of Brockville continues to review the situation on a day to day basis while we take all necessary precautions towards the spread of COVID-19.

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Additional Resources:

[Government of Canada](#)

[Health Canada](#)

[Ontario Ministry of Health](#)

[Leeds, Grenville & Lanark District Health Unit](#)

[World Health Organization](#)



Excerpt from Council Meeting of April 14, 2020

Council Proclamation Community Emergency

Moved by: Councillor Journal

WHEREAS on March 17, 2020 the Province of Ontario declared an emergency under s 7.0.1 (1) the Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act and, in doing so, Ontario is using every power possible to continue to protect the health and safety of all individuals and families; and

WHEREAS the Government of Ontario continues to direct and assist municipalities in the provision of essential services only during the pandemic; and

WHEREAS the Government of Canada and the Government of Ontario have committed to providing financial assistance to the City of Brockville and United Counties of Leeds and Grenville; and

WHEREAS the Corporation of the City of Brockville continues to take proactive measures to limit the spread of the virus and to protect our residents, businesses, visitors and staff which includes social distancing and encouraging that people stay at home; and

WHEREAS the City of Brockville has activated the Community Emergency Management Committee which includes Lanark, Leeds and Grenville District Public Health Unit, Brockville General Hospital, St Lawrence Lodge, Brockville Police and Fire, United Counties of Leeds and Grenville Social Services and city departments;

NOW THEREFORE Council is declaring a pandemic crisis for the City thereby issuing a call to action to all our residents, partners and businesses to acknowledge that COVID-19 is in our community and act accordingly.

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