MEETING REPORT MUNICIPALITY OF SOUTH DUNDAS EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE April 28, 2020

Municipal Office, Morrisburg

2:30 p.m.

Present: Cameron Morehouse (Community Emergency Management Coordinator), Deputy Mayor Kirsten Gardner, Brenda Brunt, Shannon Geraghty, Jeff Hyndman, Denis Villeneuve, Ethan Robert, Kalynn Helmer, Danielle Watson, 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 3 million, with over 220,000 deaths recorded globally. He noted that Ontario has 15,378 cases and 1050 deaths with a total of 19 cases in SDG. No deaths have been recorded within the EOHU jurisdiction. Local assessment centers have conducted a total of 1740 tests. Dr. Paul Roumeliotis provided information concerning a local outbreak at Pinecrest Nursing Home in Plantagenet, noting a total of 12 cases had been identified through testing. He noted that none of those who tested positive were asymptomatic, and that further testing of all long-term care facilities in the area will continue.

Dr. Paul Roumeliotis provided an overview of additional Sec. 22 Orders regarding social distancing and infection control for commercial businesses including further controls on curbside pickup, Drive-Thrus, and walk-in retail vendors.

Dr. Paul Roumeliotis provided details concerning overall case numbers and its implications on the reduction of restrictions locally and within the province. He noted that testing capabilities are increasing, and that hospitals, including ICUs, still have capacity. He discussed the recent announcement by Premier Ford regarding a phased easing of restrictions over the coming weeks based on case load, contact tracing and testing. He noted that a large proportion of cases are in the Greater Toronto Area and Ottawa, with less than 1% of the provincial total of cases within the EOHU jurisdiction. He noted that long-term care facilities continue to represent a large proportion of deaths and cases within the province, and that containment and lockdown procedures would continue to be in effect for the foreseeable future at those locations.

Dr. Paul Roumeliotis discussed the Province of Quebec's recovery plan, specifically regarding education.

2. Coronavirus (COVID-19) Update

CEMC Morehouse provided an overview of the call with Dr. Paul Roumeliotis. He discussed the impact on local long-term care facilities, staged reopening of municipal offices and staff screening.

Deputy Mayor Gardner discussed the Quebec recovery plan regarding education. The Committee discussed implications for the local community.

CAO Geraghty discussed the reopening of the landfill, highlighting staff safety, payment options, potential change to hours of operation and communications. The Committee discussed timing and communications related to the reopening. The Committee agreed to develop a plan to reopen the landfill site.

Brenda Brunt provided details related to the high volume of calls the Municipality has been receiving regarding the landfill, burn permits/activations, seasonal campgrounds, and marinas. The Committee discussed the provincial order regarding recreation areas.

Denis Villeneuve noted that all Water and Wastewater staff will be returning to regular shifts next week, while maintaining all required protections and safety procedures.

Sarah McMillan discussed payment options at the landfill site.

CEMC Morehouse noted that two building permits issued prior to COVID-19 are starting construction this week.

The following actions took place:

	ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTION
1.	Landfill Re-opening	Committee discussed how/when to reopen	Staff to develop plan/hours of operation to reopen.
		the landfill site.	Present to Mayor and Committee.
2.	Next Meeting		May 5, 2020 at 2:30pm