

**MEETING REPORT
MUNICIPALITY OF SOUTH DUNDAS
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
March 19, 2020**

**Municipal Office, Morrisburg
13:00**

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 by phone.

1. Coronavirus (COVID-19) Response

CEMC Morehouse updated the Committee on the businesses in the area. ValuMart's stock is slowly coming back. Tim Hortons store is closed but the drive thru is open. CEMC Morehouse also mentioned Prime Minister Trudeau's comment about emphasizing social distancing and the this could last for weeks if not months. There have been 43 new COVID-19 cases confirmed today. South Stormont has imposed a burn ban in their area and CEMC Morehouse asked the Mayor and Deputy Mayor for their thoughts. CEMC Morehouse will evaluate it daily but believes that it will be at least a week if not two before imposing one. The Mayor and Deputy Mayor agree.

Denis Villeneuve has spoken with the University of Ottawa and there are no concerns with their students. Denis Villeneuve checked possibility of contracting viruses from anything airborne from the SBR and it was informed to him that it isn't. Staff are to wear gloves. Mayor Byvelds would like to keep the investigating ongoing to make sure that nothing ever comes from it. Denis Villeneuve mentioned that there are sensors to detect gasses but not viruses. Masks should always be worn when aerating.

Mayor Byvelds is on the mend, he is feeling 90% better today. Not much has changed in the outside world.

CAO Geraghty spoke about the senior staff decision with respect to the modified work week. Whoever can work from home will be set up. Department heads have set up scheduled shifts for the employees. The water plant will be able to be monitored off site at all times. Once staff have completed their shift, they will wipe down their workstations.

Mayor Byvelds wanted to know what the winter maintenance staff contract was and how it would be affected. CAO Geraghty informed him that their contract expires at the end of March.

CAO Geraghty informed the committee that the recreation staff will be only working on cleaning the facilities and that there will be senior staff conference call meetings on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Mayor Byvelds asked how the building department is being handled. CAO Geraghty said that Andrew is dealing with inspections as usual and using the necessary PPE.

Mayor Byvelds asked about the effectiveness of the lobby setup. Brenda Brunt said that it is working well and there hasn't been any issues.

Deputy Mayor Gardner asked if backup laptops are available for the water plant operations. Denis Villeneuve mentioned that he has a laptop and so does the on-call staff member.

Deputy Mayor Gardner is concerned about the snowbirds and the people vacationing coming back flooding the community. She would like to see some form of media advice to stay home. Push the messages out from the Health Unit to keep people contained as much as possible. CEMC Morehouse will question Dr. Paul to find out options on possible ways to deal with this issue.

CAO Geraghty mentioned that a concern has been brought up about an employee receiving money in cash form at the landfill and asked for thoughts from the Mayor and Deputy Mayor. Proper PPE has been provided to the employee. Consensus is if everything has been done to protect the employee, we have done our due diligence.

The following actions took place:

	ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTION
1.	Next Meeting		- TBA