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Public Statement

Bishop's Falls Town Council

March 16, 2020

The Bishop's Falls Town Council has been closely monitoring the information from the Public Health Agency of Canada and the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador regarding COVID-19. In the interest of supporting the social distancing mitigation measures that have been recently announced, the Bishop's Falls Town Council is taking the following steps to help reduce the spread of COVID-19:

- Effective March 17, 2020, the Pat O'Reilly Memorial Stadium will be closed for the remainder of the current season.
- Effective immediately, the Public Works Depot is closed to in-person visitations from the general public. The only exceptions to the latter are vendors and contractors.
- The Town Hall will continue to accept in-person visitations by scheduled appointments only. To schedule an appointment, please contact us by telephone (258 6581) or email info@bishopsfalls.ca.
- If you have a general question/concern/issue, we ask that you contact us by telephone (258 6581), email (info@bishopsfalls.ca), or through our website (submit a concern button <https://bishopsfalls.ca/cms/One.aspx?portalId=9965316&pageId=12934885>). As noted above, in-person visitations are restricted to the Town Hall and by appointment only.
- Enhanced cleaning measures will be implemented across all Departments effective immediately.
- The discount deadline for taxes is extended to April 17, 2020. Council is implementing this measure to give residents and businesses more time to pay taxes in-person, by appointment, and receive the applicable discount.
- Effective immediately, and until April 17, 2020, the credit card convenience fee is waived. Residents and businesses may choose to pay taxes and fees by credit card, over the phone, to avoid visits to the Town Hall.
- Council will continue to hold its monthly public meetings; however, Standing Committee meetings are suspended until September 2020. Please note public meetings are closed to the general public until further notice.
- All Town events, including the Civic Awards scheduled for April 22, 2020, are postponed until further notice.

The Bishop's Falls Town Council will continue to monitor the situation, and it will update its mitigation measures were necessary.

Mayor Bryan King stated, "We recognize the municipal government has a responsibility in the present circumstances to help mitigate the spread of COVID-19. Social distancing is an important and responsible tool that can help flatten the curve and prevent our health care system from being overwhelmed. We know these measures may cause complications, but they are nonetheless necessary to help prevent the spread of COVID-19. To quote an old adage, "An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure". We hope everyone remains safe and healthy."

For information regarding COVID-19, please visit the following website:

<https://www.gov.nl.ca/covid-19/>