



THE CORPORATION OF THE **TOWN OF COBALT**

Press Release: Town of Cobalt

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The Town of Cobalt in alignment with the Province of Ontario, as well as the Federal Government of Canada, is working on new Emergency Preparedness planning, procedures and special considerations in light of the COVID-19 Pandemic that now is present in Ontario and throughout Canada. At this point of time there are no known cases present in the South Temiskaming District; and in an effort to ensure that the impacts are as minimal as possible, The Town of Cobalt has closed access to all Public Buildings by the Public effective immediately as of 8:00 am today. Town Staff will endeavour to continue to provide our essential services in a timely manner, garbage and recycling collection will continue as scheduled, and safe clean drinking water and safe roadways continue to be at the top of our core priorities.

It is our sincerest hope that people will follow the direction given by our Health Officials both locally, provincially and federally and start to minimize the interactions and keep safe social distancing measures in mind. Things that are easy to do is to avoid personal direct contact such as shaking hands or various types of embrace, creating a two (2) metre or six (6) foot radius from others for everyone's protection. Be mindful of your neighbour and those most vulnerable in our community and check in on them from time to time. A quick phone call or text/message can achieve that.

The Town Council will convene tonight in order to discuss our next steps so as information becomes available, we will distribute as efficiently as possible.

We know that this is a stressful situation for many, and although acknowledging the current pandemic is a real health concern, we do ask that you do your best to keep positive while maintaining a sense of calm as much as possible.

Should you start to feel sick and show shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fever, and the onset of a cough please contact the **Timiskaming Health Unit @ 705-647-4305** and/or **Telehealth Ontario @ 1-866-797-0000** and discuss your symptoms with them. Should it be determined that you require further medical attention, call the **Temiskaming Hospital ER department 705-647-8121** in advance prior to your departure so they can be prepared to receive you.

Finally, we wish you the best of health at this time. Please, take care of yourselves and each other.

Town of Cobalt Council and Staff