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MAYOR'S MESSAGE



Mayor Bill MacDonald

Much is being asked of us during the COVID-19 Coronavirus public health crisis, and the provincially ordered state of emergency. A large part of our economy has been ordered shutdown; with thousands of businesses across the country on pause or closed, and lost jobs in the hundreds of thousands. Our social lives and daily routines have been impacted by restrictions and prohibitions in an effort to reduce community spread of the virus.

Our collective compliance with public health restrictions are critical to slow the progress of the Coronavirus and reduce deaths. For the most part, I am pleased to say that our community is diligently following the advice of Premier McNeil and the Province's Chief Public Health Officer, Dr. Strang. Staying home as much as possible; practicing physical distancing when going out; and respecting limits on non-essential gatherings.

Some state of emergency related decisions by Mayor and Council restricting movement have been unpopular; however, those same decisions have also been applauded. We are in polarizing times. With every level of government in uncharted territory, everyone is doing their best with decisions focused on the greater good.

COMMUNITY

Health Protection Act Order

To slow the spread of COVID-19, an order is in effect under the Health Protection Act.

Practise social distancing – stay 2 metres (6 feet) apart from other people.
Immediately self-isolate for 14 days if you've returned from outside Nova Scotia.
Certain businesses and organizations need to close or reduce their operations.

For latest updates on COVID-19, visit <https://novascotia.ca/coronavirus/>

"Life isn't about waiting for the storm to pass. It's about learning how to dance in the rain." Vinian Greene



CHIEF'S CORNER



As I struggle to write this, I cannot help but reflect that only a few short months ago we were talking about celebrating Saint Patrick's Day, Easter, and welcoming warmer Spring weather – normally a time of renewal.

We were first hit with the realization of the COVID-19 global pandemic in mid-March. Then came the restrictions and adjustments we needed to make in order to lessen the potential catastrophic loss of life that surely would have followed if these measures were not put in place – the likes of which the majority of us have never experienced before. While challenging, I do want to thank everyone for the high level of compliance that followed. It is interesting to see who really steps up in cases of emergencies and I am extremely proud of our citizens who did just that.

While continuing to reel from the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic we were hit with the most unimaginable acts of domestic violence, which this province - and nation, has never previously experienced. The very nature of these crimes has not only shaken us to the core as Nova Scotian's - but to all of us as Canadians. How does one even digest this level of evil and how do we deal with the aftermath?

It is very comforting to witness the outpouring of compassion and support from all Nova Scotians and Canadians in general. We need patience and allow the authorities to gather all of the information they can so we can make informed decisions on what needs to happen in order for us to improve our responses in times of crisis – both relating to the pandemic and mass murder. Unfortunately, it is through difficult times that we identify and are able to find the courage to make necessary changes but let's do so through facts versus rumour or speculation.

Whether a result of COVID-19 or the series of senseless violent acts of one person, our hearts go out to each and every one who has lost a loved one, a friend, or colleague. While we all need and deserve answers, I believe we must grieve first. As Canadians, we are not immune to difficult times. We are strong and will persevere as we have done for generations. Stand Strong and God Bless.

Note: the above picture is meant to depict Nova Scotians with a heavy heart, to grieve our tremendous losses, and support those who serve and protect us as well and memorialize those willing to sacrifice themselves for us.

Chief T.G. (Tim) Moser

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Message from Chief Administrative Officer

Town Hall is looking a little different these days. Staff are still working, some working from home, some in the office, all working together to ensure the Town is ready when the state of emergency is lifted. Changes are being made to accommodate the new times that we see ourselves in. Council and Committee meetings are using the Zoom platform and beginning in May Council and Committee of the Whole meetings will be on Facebook live.

Projects are still moving forward to keep the economy alive. The Department of Transportation and Infrastructure will be paving a section along Prince Albert Road this spring and the Town is going to piggyback with them to update the intersection by the Fire Hall at the same time to share the cost of the project. This project was scheduled to start last fall and now has been rescheduled to start this spring. This project will be funded by our gas tax money.

Tax and water bill payments can be made on-line, at the bank or drop off in the old Library book drop off slot. For any inquiries, please contact us at 902-532-2043.

Be positive, be safe and stay strong,

Sandi Millett-Campbell

Remember... "Often when you think you're at the end of something, you're at the beginning of something else." Fred Rogers