

Date: March 17, 2020

Re: Precautionary public safety measures – COVID-19

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Today, Village of Bible Hill is announcing steps to address the evolving situation of the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) outbreak relating to its local government operations and potential impacts to our community.

The safety of Village residents, volunteers, employees, elected officials, municipal partners and our neighbours is of great importance. Village of Bible Hill is monitoring public health guidance issued by our Provincial and Federal governments, as well as the World Health Organization.

In an effort to reduce the spread of COVID-19 locally, effective immediately:

**Village of Bible Hill**

- **Public access to the Village Office, at 67 Pictou Rd, will be restricted through April 30, 2020.** Inquiries can continue to be made by phone and email. At this time, other than in-person inquiries, it is expected that there will be limited disruption to our administrative service level.
- **Public access to the Village Hall, at 69 Pictou Rd, will be restricted through April 30, 2020.** All events scheduled will be deferred, including fitness classes, music jamborees, card parties, children's playgroups and private rentals.
- **Recreational programming will be deferred through April 30, 2020.** March break activities, senior fitness, senior socials and after-school programming will be discontinued during this time.
- **April meetings of Village committees will be deferred.** Regular meeting schedules are expected to resume thereafter. Committee business will be carried forward to the next scheduled meeting.
- **Commissioners and employees having symptoms of COVID-19 or having travelled outside of Canada, will be required to self-isolate for 14-days.**
- **Village of Bible Hill's annual Volunteer Awards Ceremony, scheduled for April, will be deferred.** Nominations submitted for volunteer awards will be carried forward and awarded at a later date.

## **Bible Hill Fire Brigade**

- **Public and member access to Bible Hill Fire Station, at 69 Pictou Rd, is restricted to approved Brigade members responding to emergency calls.** Access to third parties and regular members is limited and requires advanced approval.
- **Bible Hill Fire Brigade members having symptoms of COVID-19 or having travelled outside of Canada, will be required to self-isolate for 14-days.**
- **Bible Hill Fire Brigade's community dance, scheduled for March, will be deferred.**
- **Bible Hill Fire Brigade's annual banquet, scheduled for April, will be deferred.**

As the public health situation changes, so too may the above plan of action. As circumstances demand, additional public notices with updates will be issued. At this time, service disruptions in public works are not expected. Village parks and trails remain open for public use.

Village information is available via electronic signage at 67/69 Pictou Rd, on the web at [biblehill.ca](http://biblehill.ca), on Facebook at the page [@biblehill](https://www.facebook.com/biblehill), and on Instagram at the page [@bible.hill](https://www.instagram.com/bible.hill). Bible Hill Fire Brigade information is available on the web at [biblehill.ca/fire-brigade](http://biblehill.ca/fire-brigade), and on Twitter at the page [@BHFB](https://twitter.com/BHFB).

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