

Date: April 28, 2020

Re: Precautionary public safety measures – COVID-19

Due to the on-going Provincial state of emergency declared March 22, 2020, Village of Bible Hill has reassessed the impact that continuing restrictions have on operations, and accordingly, has updated its efforts to reduce the spread of COVID-19 locally.

The following summarizes temporary measures currently in effect that impact residents:

- **Public access to the Village Office, at 67 Pictou Rd, will be restricted through June 30, 2020.** Inquires can continue to be made by phone, email, and mail. Other than the pause on presenting in-person inquiries, our administrative and public works service level remains consistent.
- **Public access to the Village Hall, at 69 Pictou Rd, will be restricted through June 30, 2020.** Scheduled events and private bookings will be deferred. Customers with facility bookings are encouraged to contact the office to discuss options.
- **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.
- **Recreational programming and public events will be deferred through August 31, 2020.** The traditional Canada Day parade and celebration in Bible Hill, the Back to School Bash, as well as summer day camps, senior fitness, senior socials and other programming and will be deferred.
- **Meetings of Village committees, other than those statutorily required to be held, will be deferred while under the Provincial state of emergency.** Regular meeting schedules will resume thereafter, and committee business will be carried forward to the next scheduled meeting. This will have no impact on Finance and Audit Committee, Accessibility Advisory Committee or regular meetings of the Village Commission.
- **Under the direction of the Nova Scotia Medical Officer of Health:**
 - **Village park properties are closed and access to them is restricted.** This includes Bible Hill Recreation Park, Airport Field Park, Holy Well Park, and numerous smaller neighbourhood parks.

- **Parking lots that serve trails, and trails within closed parks are closed and access to them is restricted. However, other Village maintained trails remain open for exercise under the following conditions:**
 - The desired trail is within your neighbourhood and can be accessed by walking, cycling, wheeling, etcetera, directly from your nearby home (as opposed to driving to a location to park and use the trail); and
 - Proper social distancing from others can be maintained and no gatherings of more than five persons are formed.

For a map of trail locations, please visit our website at: biblehill.ca/recreation-map.

- **Under the direction of the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing:**
 - **Village meetings will not be held in-person, and instead will be held virtually by way of video call.** Draft minutes of meetings will be posted to the Village website within 24 hours to ensure a high level of transparency under the circumstances.

Under the Health Protection Act, local police are authorized to enforce the above orders with respect to park and parking lot closures as well as social distancing protocols. Individuals not in compliance will face fines of \$1,000. During this time, Village employees will continue to undertake maintenance duties at facilities that are closed using proper protocols to do so.

Unusual times call for unusual measures, and Village of Bible Hill thanks our fellow residents and neighbours for their patience and cooperation as we all work through this together. As the public health situation changes, so too may the above measures. As circumstances demand or allow, additional public notices with updates will be issued.

For more information on the Provincial state of emergency and COVID-19, visit Province of Nova Scotia on the web at: novascotia.ca/coronavirus/#alerts.

This public notice supersedes the Village's public notices of March 17 and 23, 2020. The earlier notices can be found on the web at: biblehill.ca/table/covid-19/.

Village information is available via electronic signage at 67/69 Pictou Rd, on the web at 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, and on Twitter at the page [@BHFB](https://twitter.com/BHFB).

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