



Staff Report

Report Title: Emergency Management Update (16)

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Department: Clerk

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Attachments:

Recommendation:

That the Township of Huron-Kinloss Committee of the Whole hereby receives for information Report Number CLK-2021-04-36 prepared by Emily Dance, Clerk

Background:

Province of Ontario

On Thursday April 1, 2021 the province announced that on Saturday April 3 at 12:01 am they would be initiating the "Emergency Brake" and the entire province would be placed under "shut down" restrictions for 28 days. These restrictions in their entirety can be viewed on the province COVID-19 website.

Grey Bruce Health Unit

As reported by the Grey Bruce Health Unit the numbers of confirmed cases of COVID-19 continue to increase in Grey-Bruce. To view up-to -date information and the latest situation reports see the link below.

<https://www1.publichealthgreybruce.on.ca/COVID-19/Current-Number-of-Cases>

On March 31, 2021 The Grey Bruce Health Unit reported they are working with Bluewater School Board to address a confirmed case of [COVID-19, associated with Ripley-Huron Community School in Ripley, ON.](#)

The Grey Bruce Health Unit has a dedicated [website](#) on vaccine planning.

The Health Unit has stressed that the Health Unit nor healthcare providers are booking appointments. To Book Your Appointment:

Online: <https://ontario.ca/bookvaccine>

By Phone: Call the Provincial Vaccine Information Line at 1-888-999-6488

Discussion:

The global COVID-19 pandemic has been on-going since March 2020 with the Township of Huron-Kinloss being in a State of Emergency since March 23, 2020.

The Municipal Emergency Control Group (MECG) and Planning and Operations Group continues to meet weekly to assess changes in the pandemic and provide the required response when necessary.

At the March 29, 2021 MECG meeting the two Easter egg events scheduled for April 5, 2021 were discussed. Public Health strongly recommended the cancellation of these two events due to the increase in numbers. As a safety precaution that both Easter events be not permitted on municipal property and directed the Emergency Information Officer to notify the user groups. Further discussion was held on moving forward with other requests.

Through the pandemic the Township of Huron-Kinloss has made adjustments to the way we serve the public to help protect the safety of our residents and staff.

With the new provincial measures in place the MECG and Planning and Operations will review how to offer all services; however as reported the Municipal Office, located at 21 Queen St., Ripley and The Hub, located at 46 Queen Street will remain open by appointment only until further notice.

Staff continues to update the website, deliver news releases, social media posts, electronic newsletters and hard copy newsletter to keep the residents informed on the pandemic and any modifications to services.

Financial Impacts:

The financial impacts related to the pandemic are not known at this time.

Strategic Alignment / Link:

We are an accessible community by being open and transparent.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Emily Dance, Clerk

Approved By:

Mary Rose Walden, Chief Administrative Officer