



The Corporation of the Township of Huron-Kinloss

Staff Report

Report Title: Emergency Management Update (23)

Prepared By: Emily Dance, Clerk

Department: Clerk

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File Number:

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Attachments:

Recommendation:

That the Township of Huron-Kinloss Council hereby receives for information Report Number CLK-2021-08-100 prepared by Emily Dance, Clerk AND ratifies the exemption to the Social Distancing Policy for the By-Law Enforcement Officer and PW Director to attend out-of-town business.

Background:

Province of Ontario

Ontario is currently in the province's Step Three on the [Roadmap to Reopen](#).

On July 30, 2021 the Province filed [ONTARIO REGULATION 541/21](#) which includes a Roadmap Exit Step. When Ontario enters the Roadmap Exit Step, most rules and restrictions put in place in response to the COVID-19 pandemic will be eliminated, including, for example, most sector-specific rules, capacity limits, attendance limits for organized events and social gatherings, and the requirement to actively screen workers. However, Business and organizations will still be subject to restrictions related to masks, PPE and safety plans.

Grey Bruce Health Unit (GBHU)

On August 4, 2021 the GBHU announced that the community has been successful in bringing the number of COVID-19 cases down enabling Grey Bruce to move to the full province Step 3 therefore removing the recommendations.

GBHU continues to offer multiple pop-up vaccine clinics across the area.

Discussion:

Vaccine Pop-up Clinic – Lucknow

A Pop-Up Clinic took place Thursday, August 12, 2021, from 4:00pm-7:00pm at the Lucknow and District Sports Complex Parking Lot at 662 Campbell St., Lucknow. This was a Walk-in, Bike-in or Drive-in clinic, all eligible ages (everyone 12+) with no requirement to register beforehand or health card required. The Communications Team has circulated the information and a press released was made on August 5, 2021.

A second Pop-Up Clinic is scheduled tentatively for August 25, 2021.

General

The current social distancing policy does not permit out of town travel for staff business. A request was brought forward to the Planning and Operations Committee for an exemption to the policy to allow the By-Law Enforcement Officer to attend out-of-town training in September as well the Director of Public Works has been invited to participate in an out-of-town workshop in October. The exemptions were supported by the Planning and Operations Committee

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

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