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The Corporation of the Town of Marathon Pandemic Planning COVID-19 Update – By-law to Enforce Physical Distancing

MARATHON, ON; April 6, 2020 – The Town of Marathon remains diligent in monitoring the situation as it pertains to COVID-19. We continue to evaluate all Public Health Agency communications as well as communications from other Federal and Provincial Government Health Authorities. The health and well-being of our residents is of great importance.

The Emergency Control Group and Marathon Town Council met on April 6th, and at a Special Meeting of Council today, Council has passed a new by-law that prohibits certain activities, regulates physical distancing, and defines the maximum allowable number of persons in a business. This enhanced by-law enforcement is intended to help combat COVID-19. Individuals not adhering to the new by-law regulations can be fined for each offence committed.

Municipal regulations in the by-law include:

- Prohibiting people from maintaining less than a 2.0 metre distance from one another on any public property (other than people they live with) in Marathon;
- Prohibiting businesses to permit people to be seated or to be standing less than 2.0 metres apart;
- Prohibiting people from using any Town of Marathon indoor and outdoor facilities;
- Limiting the number of people allowed inside operating businesses based on store size.

“The health and well-being of Marathon residents continues to be our number one priority. The Town will continue to enact any measures necessary to keep our community safe. I implore all residents to adhere to the Marathon COVID-19 Emergency Measures By-law, and maintain proper physical distancing at all times.” Mayor Rick Dumas.

“Through enforcement, the Marathon COVID-19 Emergency Measures By-law will allow municipal staff to educate and promote physical distancing across our community. Enhanced enforcement is a required measure that is necessary to protect the health and well-being of our staff and residents.” Daryl Skworchinski, Chief Administrative Officer/Clerk.

For more information, please contact the Municipal office during the regular business hours of 8:00am to 4:00pm at 229-1340; after hours 229-6125. We encourage our residents to visit our Municipal website (www.marathon.ca) and Municipal Facebook page for updated information and to find links to the Marathon COVID-19 Emergency Measures By-law and Questions and Answers.

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