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The Corporation of the Town of Marathon Pandemic Planning **COVID-19 Update and Extended Municipal Facility Closures**

MARATHON, ON; April 16, 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 met today to discuss extended municipal facility closures based on the Province of Ontario's extension of the provincial declaration of emergency. In line with the Province's extension, all Municipal facilities and parks currently closed to the **Public** will remain closed through **Tuesday, May 12, 2020**.

All essential municipal services will be maintained as well as continuity of governance and business operations.

All active memberships will be granted an additional four (4) week extension to the previously announced three (3) and four (4) week extensions.

Residents unable to pay bills online or through other means will be provided with reasonable extensions without penalty and should contact the municipality to discuss.

The Municipality will continue to closely monitor the situation and will provide updates to the community when new information is available to us. As we have indicated, the closures will continue through Tuesday, May 12th, however, should the Municipality see it fitting to extend the closures, we will advise as such.

“During these unprecedented times, we must continue to be vigilant in protecting our community and our residents. Staying home and practicing physical distancing are the continued recommendations from the health experts to slow the spread of this deadly virus. We must continue to respect and enforce these measures to see our way through this.” Mayor Rick Dumas.

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.

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