



## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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

**MARATHON, ON; March 17, 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.

For the protection and safety of our residents, and employees of the Municipality, we will be taking the following preventative measures. We are basing this decision on the facts known to us today from Ontario's Chief Medical Officer of Health.

**Effective 10:00 a.m. Tuesday, March 17, 2020**, the following Municipal facilities will be closed to the **Public** and will remain closed through **Sunday, April 5, 2020**:

- Marathon Arena
- Port Hole Pool
- Marathon Theatre
- Public Works Garage and Office
- Lakeview Community Hall including the Bowling Alley, Senior's Centre, and all Committee rooms
- Municipal Office
- Marathon Public Library
- Marathon Waste Transfer Station
- Marathon Cross Country Ski-Club

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

All active memberships will be granted a three (3) week extension.

Residents unable to pay bills online will be provided with reasonable extensions without penalty.

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 Sunday, April 5<sup>th</sup>, however, should the Municipality see it fitting to extend the closures, we will advise as such.

“As COVID-19 continues to unfold within our country, province and municipalities in a rapid and unpredictable way, we must make our citizens a priority in protecting our health and overall well-being. I ask our citizens to not panic during these unprecedented times, please assist one another and be kind and considerate to your neighbors. I am confident we will pull through these challenging times”...Mayor Rick Dumas.

For more information, please contact the Municipal office during regular business hours at 229-1340; after hours 229-6125. We encourage our residents to visit our Municipal website ([www.marathon.ca](http://www.marathon.ca)) and Municipal Facebook page for updated information.

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