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

MARATHON, ON; March 30, 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, developing an operational plan for the closure of Peninsula Road, as well as the potential of implementing a municipal curfew if required. 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.

All Municipal facilities and parks currently closed to the **Public** will remain closed through **Sunday, May 4, 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) week extension.

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 Sunday, May 4th, however, should the Municipality see it fitting to extend the closures, we will advise as such.

“As the COVID-19 pandemic continues to evolve and change daily in our country, province, and municipalities, we continue to make our citizens’ health and well-being our number one priority. We are being proactive in our planning and deliberate in our actions to protect our residents. Our residents must also do their part by social distancing and staying home if they are sick.” Mayor Rick Dumas.

For more information, please contact the Municipal office during the regular business hours of 10:00am to 2:00pm 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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