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**Town of Perth Declares State of Emergency – COVID-19**

**Perth, Ontario**

On April 7, 2020 at 11:18 am, Mayor John Fenik declared a state of emergency for the Town of Perth due to the COVID-19 crisis. This declaration falls in line with the steps taken by the Ontario Government, and will be in place until further notice.

The Mayor stated, "I am proud that residents of Perth are following Public Health recommendations, and directives from the Provincial and Federal governments. Unfortunately, seasonal property owners are moving into their properties which represents a potential strain on our pharmacies, food supply and most importantly our health care resources. "

The declaration was made during an Emergency Management meeting on April 7, 2020. Under the Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act, "The head of Council of a municipality may declare that an emergency exists in the municipality or in any part thereof and may take such action and make such orders as he or she considers necessary and are not contrary to law to implement the emergency plan of the municipality and to protect property and the health, safety and welfare of the inhabitants of the emergency area."

The Town's Community Emergency Management Control Officer, Trevor Choffe agrees that this is an additional measure to ensure that all residents are taking the crisis seriously. "It is crucial that everyone follow the advice of Public Health officials. Limit your outings to essential trips only - try going to the grocery store no more than once a week; always ensure you are following social distancing guidelines; and wash your hands."

Mayor Fenik further stated, "It is my responsibility as Mayor, along with my Council, to protect the citizens of Perth. We take this responsibility very seriously."

For additional information on the Town of Perth's response to COVID-19, go to [www.perth.ca/covid19](http://www.perth.ca/covid19)

For more information about the current status of local cases of COVID-19, go to the Leeds, Grenville & Lanark District Health Unit at [healthunit.org/coronavirus/](http://healthunit.org/coronavirus/) .

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