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SCOTSTOWN CITIZENS' PRESS RELEASE

THE CITY OF SCOTSTOWN IN CORONAVIRUS PREVENTION MODE!

Scotstown, March 15, 2020 - The City of Scotstown wishes to inform the public that it is closely monitoring the situation with respect to the Coronavirus (COVID-19).

The City is asking the public to respect the measures taken by the provincial government to limit the spread of the virus.

In line with the measures announced by our government in recent days and today, City Council is strengthening its prevention measures and informing you of the means used to protect its employees, clients and users of the various City Hall premises against the spread of COVID-19.

Thus, starting today and until further notice :

Service to citizens through the municipal office will be by telephone or Internet only. In the event that a visit to the municipal office is deemed essential and urgent, citizens will have to make an appointment by e-mail at ville.scotstown@hsfqc.ca or by phone at 819-560-8433, ext. 7.

Under the current circumstances, City Hall (community centre) is completely closed and all activities, courses and various premises (municipal library, Tai Chi, Yoga, Youth Centre, collective kitchens, Agile Hands (weaving and other activities), FADOQ and puck activities, community meals, etc.) are prohibited for an indefinite period until further notice as requested by the Government of Quebec.

Each person has a role to play in order to reduce the risk of spreading viruses. Here is a reminder of the recommendations:

- Isolation for 14 days of all persons who, as of March 12, 2020, return from abroad or present symptoms similar to the flu or cold;
- Mandatory 14-day isolation for all public service employees and all private and public health, education and child care staff and the City of Scotstown staff returning from abroad as of March 12, 2020;
- Cancellation, effective March 12, 2020 and for a period of 30 days, of all indoor gatherings of more than 250 people or that are not required;
- Prevention and control in health care settings when infection is suspected or confirmed;
- Frequent hand washing with warm running water and soap for at least 20 seconds;
- Use of an alcohol-based disinfectant if soap and water are not available;
- Observe good hygiene when coughing or sneezing: cover your mouth and nose with your arm to reduce the spread of germs and, if you use a tissue, dispose of it as soon as possible and wash your hands afterwards;
- If you are sick, avoid contact with people who are more vulnerable, including the elderly and people with chronic illnesses. For example, avoid visiting people in hospitals, long-term care facilities or private homes;

- Avoid direct contact for greetings, such as handshakes, and use alternative practices.
- People aged 70 and over and those with chronic illnesses are encouraged to stay at home, except in cases of necessity or exception, such as to attend an important medical appointment.
- Visits to hospitals, CHSLDs, intermediate resources, family-type resources and private seniors' residences are prohibited until further notice.

The City of Scotstown recommends that its citizens follow its Facebook page. It is also possible to consult our website and the traditional media to learn more about the evolution of the situation on the territory of the municipality.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation!

Take care of yourself to take care of the community!

Iain MacAulay, Mayor
Town of Scotstown