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Update #11

COVID-19 – Update from Mayor and Administration Regarding New Provincial Orders

Over the weekend, and on Monday evening, a number of new orders were issued by the province related to COVID-19, related to items below:

Further Restrictions - Prohibition on Gatherings

There can be no gatherings of more than five (5) people. This includes organized public and social gatherings, and religious ceremonies, with some exceptions:

- a gathering of members of a single household
- Funeral gatherings of up to 10 people

Ontario Extension of Emergency Declaration

The Government of Ontario has extended the Declaration of Emergency and the associated emergency measures. In addition to earlier measures, all outdoor recreational amenities, such as sports fields and playgrounds are closed effective immediately.

Power to Close Highways

This allows for closure of highways and direction of traffic on short notice.

Unconscionable Prices – Restriction on Price Gouging

This prohibits price gouging on essential supplies. Offenders could face fines or jail time.

Long-Term Care Homes

Lifting of restrictions on the operations of long-term care homes.

Childcare Centres for Children of Essential Workers

Maintaining a 50-person maximum at childcare centres for children of essential workers.

Municipal By-law Enforcement

All municipal councils have been given an option to consider using municipal law enforcement to enforce emergency orders made under the Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act (EMCPA).

Southwest Middlesex Services

The health and safety of residents and staff continues to be the municipality's top priority. The municipal office is closed to the public. Staff are working, and many services offered by Southwest Middlesex continue as essential services.

Residents are encouraged to use telephone and online opportunities for reporting issues and for inquiries.

Contact Us – phone or email staff member or department -
<https://southwestmiddlesex.ca/Public/Contact-Us>

Report It – use this portal to report a problem -
<https://southwestmiddlesex.ca/Public/Report-It>

Fire, Police and Ambulance Related Emergencies - 911

Southwest Middlesex Water and Sewer Emergency call Ontario Clean Water Agency 519-435-6539

Southwest Middlesex Public Roads Emergency 519-494-0901

“In consultation with the Administration of Southwest Middlesex, we request that if you have urgent business to please contact the office by phone at 519-287-2015 to leave a message or by email to info@southwestmiddlesex.ca to request information or a telephone appointment with staff.” notes Mayor Allan Mayhew.