

Statement from Mayor Beer – Covid-19 March 19, 2020

Together, we are faced with the significant challenge of keeping each other safe and healthy while under a provincial state of emergency. Our community, our region, must rise to the challenge to flatten the curve of this global pandemic.

On behalf of Council, I assure you the Town of Espanola is working in tandem with the local Public Health agency, as well as our health and emergency management partners to take the necessary precautions to keep our community safe and connected. We have closed municipal buildings to the public but staff remains ready to assist you by telephone or e-mail. The library and recreational facilities have been closed under provincial mandate.

Espanola has a long and rich history of being a caring and generous community. I know that this legacy will guide us in our actions and spirit as we commit to keeping each other safe and supported in these unprecedented times.

Thank you to the many volunteers who are checking on seniors, offering to pick up groceries, make deliveries and stock the food bank. Already, there has been a groundswell of people impassioned to make a difference. As you go about offering your service to the community it is essential you observe the recommended 2 metre space while social distancing and practice thorough hand washing. Sanitize surfaces that you regularly come in contact with.

As we welcome home our travellers, we implore you to practice self-quarantine for 14 days once you arrive home. Have a neighbor or community volunteer pick up your groceries and deliver them outside your door.

Stay informed! The Town of Espanola will continue to update messages on this evolving state of emergency at espanola.ca and the town's Facebook page, and from reputable sources like Public Health, the Provincial and Federal Governments.

Collectively, we have the onerous responsibility to take the recommendations of the Chief Medical Officer of Canada seriously and we have the opportunity to rise to this challenge and succeed at flattening the curve and keeping each other safe.

The Town of Espanola is counting on you! Our community, our region is counting on. WE can get through this....together!