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CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LIMERICK

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

March 31st, 2020 at 8:30 a.m.

To help flatten the curve and keep Canadian hospitals from being overwhelmed by COVID-19, everyone should stay home. The Township of Limerick is requesting precautions be taken by all ratepayers to ensure the health and safety of all.

On Friday, March 26th, 2020 Ontario Premier Doug Ford asked residents in urban areas to avoid heading to their cottages and rural properties across the Province during the coronavirus pandemic.

For this reason, Limerick Township requests that seasonal residents re-consider relocating to their seasonal abodes while social distancing measures are in place. We understand that moving to the cottage is perceived to lessen the risk of contracting COVID-19, however the same isolation techniques may be used in year-round homes.

An early seasonal influx of cottages opening before May will place strains on local resources such as supermarkets, stores and medical institutions.

Canada's chief public health officer weighed in on the subject Sunday, making it clear in no uncertain terms that this is not the time to head for a cottage, cabin or camp.

"Urban dwellers should avoid heading to rural properties, as these places have less capacity to manage COVID-19," Dr. Theresa Tam said at a press conference in Ottawa.

Additional organizations such as FOCA, are urging cottagers to consider the strain on local resources.

"FOCA reminds members that our rural communities have reduced capacity to accommodate sudden changes in supply demands," the organization said in its bulletin.

If you must return, the following tips are provided.

1. Do not gather in groups or entertain guests. Secondary homes should only be used for isolation during this period.
2. Avoid unnecessary trips. Ensure you have the appropriate supplies such as medications, fuel, etc. before returning.
3. Ensure that the proper routine precautions are in place prior to arriving. Services such as water testing, service repairs, etc. are reduced at this time.

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4. Avoid returning if you or your family are displaying signs of illness. Remember that essential services such as paramedics will also be strained at this time.

If you do return and are experiencing difficulties, please reach out to the Municipality as we may be able to assist in providing contact information for various resources.

Remember. Be safe and practice social distancing so that we may all enjoy this majestic area that we all call home in the future.

For more information, contact Jennifer Trumble – Clerk/CAO/CEMC at

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