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For Immediate Release

Township of Cavan Monaghan Declares a State of Emergency

Mayor Scott McFadden has declared a State of Emergency for the Township of Cavan Monaghan, effective today Thursday March 26, 2020 at 12:00 p.m., to reinforce the need for residents to take necessary precautions to reduce the impacts of the present COVID-19 pandemic.

This decision follows declarations made by the Province of Ontario, The City and County of Peterborough and other local municipalities. The Township of Cavan Monaghan activated the Emergency Response Plan through the Municipal Control Group on Friday, March 13, 2020 and has met frequently since that date.

“As part of this declaration we are asking our residents to do their part to reduce exposure to the virus and protect, not only your own health, but the health of others in our Community. Stay home except for **necessary outings**, adhere to the guidelines for social distancing and/or social isolation. If you are returning from travel outside of Canada, you and anyone you live with or travelled with must self-isolate for 14 days. We all must do our part to slow the spread of this virus” said Mayor McFadden.

The declaration of an emergency is available to municipalities under the Provincial Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act. It can provide access to provincial funding for actions related to the emergency, should funding become available.

The Municipal Office is closed to public access. All non-essential operations at all municipal facilities have been suspended until further notice. The Township continues to provide essential services with some adjusted service levels. Staff are available by contacting the Municipal Office by phone 705-932-2929 or by email services@cavanmonaghan.net. Other online resources are also available on our website www.cavanmonaghan.net. Council meetings will continue as scheduled to ensure business continuity. Councillors will meet via videoconference and meetings will continue to be Livestreamed to the Internet.

For questions about COVID-19, people are encouraged to refer to health officials for up-to-date, reliable information. Peterborough Public Health provides information and links to provincial and federal resources at www.peterboroughpublichealth.ca.

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For additional information, members of the media are invited to contact:

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