



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR TOWN OF ST. STEPHEN

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MUNICIPAL RESPONSE TO COVID-19 OUTBREAK MARCH 17TH, 2020

Residents of St. Stephen and area, I would like to take this opportunity to update you on the municipal response to the outbreak of the COVID-19 virus. This morning I had the opportunity to partake in a conference call hosted by our regional health authority where an update on the COVID-19 situation was provided. Following this briefing, I can confirm that at this time there are **no confirmed or presumed cases in our immediate area.** Despite this fact, we must continue to take the steps necessary to mitigate our possible exposure. As such, I urge you to closely follow the recommendations being put out by health officials, and refrain from any unnecessary activities.

In order to protect the well-being of our community, and to better ensure that we remain able to serve our citizens, the Town of St. Stephen has closed all municipal buildings to the public. This includes the Garcelon Civic Center, the Fire Hall, and Town Hall. Anyone requiring services from operations within these facilities may contact our staff via phone or email. Our team will make every effort to assist you.

Additionally, I participated in a meeting with the Town's senior management team to discuss and plan for municipal response to this situation moving forward. During that meeting it was determined that the Town would elevate its current status to EOC Level 1—Enhanced Monitoring. This determination was made to ensure that our team closely monitors the situation and remains prepared to respond however will best serve our community.

In closing, I would like to thank our dedicated staff for taking every effort to ensure the long-term well-being of our community. I would also like to thank you, our citizens, for your continued diligence in mitigating the spread of this virus.

On behalf of Council for the Town of St. Stephen, I wish you all good health.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Allan MacEachern', is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Allan MacEachern