



SMITHS FALLS

RISE AT THE FALLS

Wednesday August 12, 2020

Re: COVID 19 Pandemic – Public Health Guidelines

At their meeting on Monday August 10, 2020, Council of the Corporation of the Town of Smiths Falls passed the following resolution respecting the Public Health Guidelines during the COVID-19 Pandemic.

Moved by: Councillor W Alford
Seconded by: Councillor L Allen
2020-08-171

WHEREAS, Council of the Corporation of the Town of Smiths Falls recognizes that adhering to public health guidelines is critical to containing and defeating community transmission of the COVID-19 virus in our region, and

WHEREAS circulating and promoting information indicating otherwise is irresponsible and could endanger the health and wellbeing of the people of Smiths Falls, and

WHEREAS the Town of Smiths Falls supports Dr. Paula Stewart, Medical Officer of Health and the staff of the Leeds, Grenville and Lanark District Health Unit in their continuous efforts since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, and condemns any false narratives and actions designed to destroy confidence in the medical community, resulting in an increase in the risk of exposure, spread, and potentially devastating impacts of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS the Town of Smiths Falls thanks our dedicated Health Unit staff for their crucial and tireless efforts in keeping our communities safe, healthy, and educated.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Mayor Shawn Pankow and the members of Council encourage all residents to continue to work together and adhere to public health guidelines, including the wearing of face coverings, adhering to proper physical distancing and thorough hand hygiene throughout the current COVID-19 Recovery Phase and beyond, for their own safety and well-being and to minimize the risk of the virus spreading in our communities.

AND FURTHER THAT, a copy of this resolution be distributed to all municipalities within the provincial riding of Lanark Frontenac Kingston for endorsement, and further, that a copy be sent to the Lanark Leeds Grenville District Health Unit board and our local MPP.

Should you require further information, please do not hesitate to contact Mayor Shawn Pankow or the undersigned.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Nadine Bennett". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Nadine Bennett
Deputy Clerk