



## The Corporation Of The Township Of Stone Mills

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### **Township of Stone Mills Declares State of Emergency due to COVID-19 Pandemic**

At 1:00 pm on March 26, 2020 Reeve Eric Smith declared a State of Emergency for the Township of Stone Mills. This declaration activates the emergency plan of the municipality and will help protect the health, safety, well-being and property of residents. This declaration of a State of Emergency is effective immediately and will remain in effect until it is safe to reverse.

The declaration of an emergency under the Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act, R.S.O. 1990, c.E.9, s.4. (1) provides the Township of Stone Mills with all options available to protect the health and safety of individuals and families living in the Township of Stone Mills while coping with the impact to the community by COVID-19.

Working with the three other lower-tier municipalities (Addington Highlands, Loyalist Township, Greater Napanee), County of Lennox and Addington and community partners, the Township of Stone Mills has been actively monitoring and managing the COVID-19 situation. The Township's Emergency Operation Centre (EOC) was activated on Tuesday, March 17<sup>th</sup>. This team has gathered on a daily basis to ensure a coordinated approach in dealing with COVID-19 and continue to ensure that impacts to the Township have been minimized while focusing on safe and effective services to the community.

Township representatives have been an active participant in the County of Lennox and Addington's Emergency Operations Centre and continue to take direction from Dr. Kieran Moore, Medical Officer of Health for KFL&A Health Unit. This pandemic is fast spreading and putting significant pressure on front line medical staff and creating an elevated risk to our community based on the speed to which the COVID-19 virus is travelling into our communities

"During these unprecedented times, we are asking for full-community support and participation in maintaining a safe and healthy community. We would ask every member of our community to continue to monitor the progression of this pandemic. Every family should practice social distancing, implement effective sanitization methods, and modify your behaviors to reduce the rapid spread of COVID-19. Please Stay Home and Stay Safe" stated Reeve Smith.

Recommended precautions to prevent transmission include self-isolation, maintaining at least 2 metre distance from others, avoiding all unnecessary travel, washing your hands often, and regularly disinfecting high touch zones in shared spaces in your home.

For more information about the Township's response to COVID-19 please visit our website. <http://www.stonemills.com/wf-menu-config/covid-19>

For ongoing COVID-19 updates and ways to best protect you and your family visit [www.Kflaph.ca/Coronavirus](http://www.Kflaph.ca/Coronavirus) or [www.Ontario.ca/coronavirus](http://www.Ontario.ca/coronavirus)