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The Municipality of Arran-Elderslie Declares a State of Emergency in Response to COVID-19

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Municipality of Arran-Elderslie Mayor Steve Hammell, has officially declared a state of emergency in response to COVID-19.

"The decision to declare an emergency in Arran-Elderslie at this point, is a proactive step in our fight to prevent, reduce or mitigate the impacts of COVID-19 in our community," says Hammell. "At this time, Issuing an Emergency Declaration is a precautionary step, however if/when the need arises, it will allow the Municipality to make decisions in a timely manner, utilize and/or redistribute resources when and where needed, seek assistance from all levels of government and place added significance on the importance of all residents to follow the requests of our local Health Unit as well as Provincial and Federal Health Ministries."

Declarations of emergency are made under the Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act when an emergency requires immediate action to prevent, reduce or mitigate a danger of major proportions.

Arran-Elderslie urges all residents to stay home, to practice physical distancing, and to practice proper hygiene protocols outlined by the Provincial Medial Officer of Health: https://www.ontario.ca/page/2019-novel-coronavirus

COVID-19 updates related to Grey and Bruce Counties, including Arran-Elderslie, can be found on the Grey Bruce Public Heath Unit website: <u>https://www.publichealthgreybruce.on.ca/</u>

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