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A Message to Seasonal Residents

Maynooth, ON – We understand that people especially our seasonal residents appreciate the safety they feel by coming early to their cottages during this pandemic situation.

Please be aware the increased seasonal population is placing additional pressure on the business supply chain, public health care system and available medical resources in the area. If you have existing issues, please have them addressed in an area that is better equipped to handle larger populations.

Make no mistake, this situation is very real and the COVID-19 virus is in the community.

Effective 11:59 am on April 8, 2020, Dr. Piotr Oglaza, Medical Officer of Health and CEO for Hastings Prince Edward Public Health, has issued a *class order under Section 22 of the Health Protection and Promotion Act*. This order enables Hastings Prince Edward Public Health to enforce self-isolation requirements for all individuals who have been advised to do so. These efforts are being made to protect the local community from potential exposure to COVID-19.

All residents are urged to continue practising physical distancing, and only leave home for essential reasons. These efforts will help reduce the potential transmission of COVID-19 in the event that an individual is contagious before they are required to self-isolate.

If you make the choice to come up and you are self-isolating, please contact a friend or neighbour to pick up necessities like groceries or pharmacy items so that you don't have to break your self-isolation. Also understand that there will be less opportunity to purchase necessities since our supplies and staff are limited and numerous businesses have been shut down.

We can not emphasize enough how important it is to abide by all the rules such as, physical distancing and proper hand washing.

Thank you for your support and cooperation to slow the spread of this virus.

Stay home. Stay safe. Save lives.

- Vic A. Bodnar, Mayor of Hastings Highlands

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