



Council Memorandum

Date: June 9, 2020

To: Council

From: Mayor Letham

Re: State of Emergency

Recommendation

That the Memorandum from Mayor Letham, **regarding the State of Emergency**, be received; and

That this recommendation be brought forward to Council for consideration at the next Regular Council Meeting.

Rationale

The Province declared a state of emergency on March 17, 2020. Under this state of emergency, emergency orders are issued by the Province to guide citizen health and safety, and manage pandemic response and resources. Shortly thereafter, I declared a local state of emergency in alignment with the Province, to have the ability to issue orders where needed to respond to local pandemic circumstances, and to protect local health and safety of residents, businesses and visitors, as needed. The City **must** comply with all Provincial Orders issued, the Mayor can only issue additional orders to address local “emergencies” and public health and safety.

The City activated our Emergency Operations Centre (EOC) when the state of emergencies were declared. The City’s active EOC is made up of the Mayor, CAO and City staff (including Fire and Paramedic services), the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP), the Kawartha Lakes Police Service (KLPS), the Haliburton, Kawartha Lakes Pine Ridge (HKPR) Health Unit, and Ross Memorial Hospital (RMH).

I am pleased to advise that to-date I have not had to issue any orders above and beyond the Provincial directives.



I am also pleased to advise that to-date, all EOC partners remain stable and continue to respond appropriately to this pandemic.

The Provincial state of emergency was recently extended to June 30, 2020.

Both police services, and the City's municipal law enforcement group, continue to enforce Provincial Orders through an education and awareness first approach.

I am bringing this matter forward to Council for information, and to solicit your input on our local state of emergency declaration.