



**Municipality of West Elgin
Emergency Control Group
Meeting Minutes
May 1, 2020, 1:00 p.m.
Held via Zoom**

Present: Mayor D. McPhail
Deputy Mayor R. Leatham
CAO/Treasurer M. Badura
CEMC B. Weber
Fire Chief Al Beer
Utilities M. Kalita
Scribe J. Nethercott

Absent: Alternate CEMC L. Gosnell

CAO/Treasurer Magda Badura called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m.

Magda Badura provided an update that Ontario Guidelines for workplaces were just released. Magda also stated that Southwestern Public Health has reviewed the lawn maintenance issue and has recommended that companies who do lawn care be allowed to continue in order to prevent ticks and other pest issues.

On April 27, 2020, Elgin County released a statement regarding the closure of marina's and on April 25, 2020 there was a Provincial update that allowed Community Gardens to operate and Southwestern Public Health have released guidelines.

Fire Chief Al Beer reported on the request to lift the fire ban. At this time he feels that the ban is still a good idea and doesn't want to confuse the issue by allowing a partial lifting of the ban. He stated that the issues the fire department had been seeing had quieted down as most residents understand why the ban is in place.

Jana Nethercott reported on a meeting with the West Elgin Community Health Centre and Dutton Dunwhich that was held this week. This meeting just brought the municipalities up to date on the issues the Health Centre was seeing, the biggest being a concern about food security.

Jana Nethercott reported that Port Glasgow Trailer Park is set to open for the season today, with 17 residents going to be staying in the park including the park manager. Richard Leatham reported that there will be 12 people in Hickory Grove Campground. Magda Badura stated that while the municipality is getting a lot of calls about the campgrounds, most residents seem to understand the need to stay away. Fire Chief Al Beer inquired if the Fire Ban has been communicated to all campgrounds, Jana stated that yes it has been.

Magda Badura reported that Municipal Staff have started an action plan on reopening the Municipal Office. Currently they are collecting quotes for plexi glass barriers for front line staff and are exploring alternative payment options including cordless debit machines.

Emergency Control Group Meeting adjourned at 1:18 p.m.

Magda Badura
Chair
CAO/Treasurer

Jana Nethercott
Scribe