



# MESSAGE FROM REEVE KIDD

April 8th, 2020



## COVID-19—Update #13

### Electronic Meetings

At the regular Council meeting last night, Council amended the Procedural By-law to allow electronic participation during a declared emergency.

On March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2020 the Province enacted [Bill 187, Municipal Emergency Act, 2020](#). These changes allow members of councils, committees and certain boards to electronically attend council, committee and local board meetings and be counted in quorum for both open and closed meetings during emergencies declared by the Province or

a local Head of Council.

### Municipal Runs Programs and Events

All Municipally run programs and events scheduled from March 14<sup>th</sup> - May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2020 will be cancelled due to the Provincial Declaration of Emergency in respect to COVID-19. We look forward to these events each year and look forward to their return.

### Lanark County Fire Ban

Effective April 2nd, 2020 the Lanark County Fire Chiefs placed a County wide fire ban which applies to all open-air fires including agricultural burns, brush piles, burn barrels, campfires, and other types of outdoor burning.

### Property Tax Penalty

The Provincial State of Emergency related to COVID-19 is impacting earnings for many residents and businesses because of this Council passed a By-law to waive all penalties / interest for late payments of property taxes until the June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at which time it will be reviewed in hopes to provide some financial relief for our community.

### Lanark County Food Bank

Council has agreed to donate \$500 to the Lanark County Food Bank in this time of need.

The Food Bank is looking for donations if anyone from the Community is interested in helping out,

Their current wish list is:

- Rice
- Cheese whiz (or equivalent)
- Canned Fruit
- Jam, Honey & Peanut Butter

They are still accepting food donations but ask that you schedule a drop-off.

For more information please email [thehungerstop@gmail.com](mailto:thehungerstop@gmail.com) or call 613-250-9141 between 10am and 2pm.

### Easter Weekend

I know things are a little different this year for Easter but I hope you to take this opportunity to connect with your family by phone, email or video chat to make new memories to look back on. On behalf of Council, we wish you a wonderful Easter weekend.

*Sincerely*  
**Reeve Richard Kidd**