

Date: March 23, 2020

Re: Precautionary public safety measures – COVID-19 – Update

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On March 22, the Province of Nova Scotia declared a state of emergency to help contain the spread of COVID-19. The state of emergency will be in effect for 14 days through April 5 at noon and may be extended.

The Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing provided direction under the declared state of emergency that closes all Provincial and Municipal parks and beaches and prohibits all travel into those parks and beaches.

In a March 22 release, the Province stated that Nova Scotians should only leave home for essential items and services. Also in the release, the Province stated that Provincial trails will remain open for exercise and gathering limits and social distancing guidelines must be followed.

Accordingly:

- all Village park properties are closed and access to them is prohibited; and
- subject to the conditions below, Village maintained trails remain open for exercise;
  - parking lots that serve trails and trails within park properties are closed and access to them is prohibited;
  - trails should only be accessed at a very localized individual level for exercise (i.e. a resident can walk, cycle, wheelchair, etcetera, to a trail from their nearby home, however, driving to and parking at trail-heads to access trails is not permitted);

Under the Health Protection Act, local police are authorized to enforce the above orders. Individuals not in compliance will face fines of \$1,000 per day.

Unusual times call for unusual measures. Village of Bible Hill thanks residents and our neighbours for their patience and cooperation as we all work through this together.

The Province is asking Nova Scotians to limit visits to public spaces, and suggests the following safe activities:

- family game night
- watching your favourite shows
- video chatting
- spring cleaning
- read a book
- listen to music
- sit outside on your deck
- take a walk or ride your bike
- yard work
- play outside
- cooking
- check on a friend

For more information on the Provincial release and COVID-19, visit Province of Nova Scotia on the web at: <https://novascotia.ca/coronavirus/#alerts>.

This public notice supplements the Village's public notice of March 17, 2020. The earlier notice can be found on the web at: <https://biblehill.ca/public-notice-covid-19>.

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