

The Covid-19 pandemic continues to move very fluidly each day. The main concern right now is for everyone to minimize contact with each other by staying home as much as possible and to practice good hygiene.

As you might see on an earlier post, I signed a declaration of state of emergency this morning. We have been meeting most of the day as an Emergency Control Group (key staff people, Councillor Commandant and myself, and our Community Health Nurse). We are looking to cover all the bases with minimal staff.

The Wahta Electoral Office has a notice out delaying the general election, we will be ensuring everyone knows of this.

Thank you for your patience as we navigate the unprecedented circumstances, we find ourselves in currently. We know many of you have questions around our operations.

In trying to keep a delicate balance of maintaining essential/vital services for those most vulnerable in the community and protecting the health and wellbeing of staff and the entire community, we have decided to move to an alternative operational approach for the remainder of this week and next.

Part of this approach is identifying essential services and those employees required to assist in the delivery of them. These essential/vital services currently involve:

- Landfill and garbage pickup;
- Food security initiatives for seniors (ie/ meals on wheels and possible enhanced meal deliveries);
- Wellness checks for vulnerable members of the community;
- Ensuring emergency requests for financial support from OW and low-income clients are addressed.
- Maintaining a phone presence during normal business hours to receive inquiries from concerned members;
- Receiving ongoing deliveries of critical supplies at the Administration Building;
- Maintaining vital finance functions; and
- Ensuring emergency maintenance requests of the rental units are received and addressed.
- While seniors are a big part of our focus, we understand there may be people who become isolated or quarantined. We are expecting to be able to help to do grocery orders. We hope to make arrangements with local stores to ensure supply.
- Through Health Canada we are requisitioning extra personal protection products but cannot say at this time when these might become available.

Please call the Administration Building if you have any questions (705)762-2354.
Chief Franks