



Town of Neepawa - March 19, 2020

Statement #4

*FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE*

Two additional presumptive positive cases of COVID-19 have been identified in Manitoba, bringing the total number of lab-confirmed positive and presumptive positive cases in Manitoba to 17. At this point, there are still NO cases identified in Neepawa, nor within the region of Prairie Mountain Health.

Neepawa will continue to provide essential municipal services to the community through modified service delivery methods that ensure the safety of employees and the general public. Facilities such as the Water Treatment Plant, Public Works Buildings, Cemetery Buildings and Fire Hall will continue to operate but will be closed to the public. The Town of Neepawa Civic Administration Office at 275 Hamilton will continue to function as normal during the business day, however effective Monday March 23, 2020 will only be open to the public during the period of 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. We ask individuals to conduct their business over the phone, email or electronically (online) as much as possible.

The RCMP remains dedicated to providing quality service. To ensure priority is given to the health and safety of all employees and frontline personnel, the Spruce Plains RCMP Detachment in Neepawa is taking steps to maintain service during COVID-19. Immediate business continuity plans include reducing the number of days per week that the Spruce Plains Detachment office located at 239 Mill Street will be open to the public. Effective March 23, 2020 the office will operate on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays and be closed to the public on Tuesdays and Thursdays. The public is encouraged to please call ahead before attending the office, and as per normal protocol, please utilize the 911 service for after hours and emergency situations.

Please be wary of phishing scams related to COVID-19. Do not provide any credit or financial information and report the calls to the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre at (toll-free) 1-888-495-8501.

The Town would continue to direct all residents to obtain official and accurate information on COVID-19 in Manitoba by visiting: <https://www.gov.mb.ca/health/coronavirus/index.html>. Health-related questions or concerns can also be directed to Health Links at 204-788-8200 or 1-888-315-9257.

Anyone with questions about access to federal aid programs established as part of Canada's COVID-19 Economic Response Plan should visit <https://www.canada.ca/en/department-finance/news/2020/03/canadas-covid-19-economic-response-plan-support-for-canadians-and-businesses.html>

The Town of Neepawa will continue to monitor the COVID-19 (coronavirus) for the protection of the community and provide updates.