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The Corporation of the Town of Marathon Pandemic Planning

COVID-19 Update and Municipal Facility Closures

MARATHON, ON; Tuesday, January 4, 2022 – The Town of Marathon remains diligent in monitoring the situation as it pertains to COVID-19. We continue to evaluate all Public Health Agency communications as well as communications from other Federal and Provincial Government Health Authorities. The health and well-being of our residents is of great importance.

On January 3, 2022, the Government of Ontario announced that the province was temporarily moving back to Step Two of the Roadmap to Reopen. Based on this decision; **effective 12:01 a.m. Wednesday January 5, 2022**, the following Municipal facilities will be closed to the <u>Public</u> and will remain closed for at least 21 days (until **Wednesday**, **January 26, 2022**):

- Marathon Arena
- Port Hole Pool
- Marathon Theatre
- Lakeview Community Hall including the Bowling Alley, Senior's Centre, and all Committee rooms
- Marathon Cross Country Ski-Club Chalet common area

All current active Town of Marathon recreation memberships will be granted a three (3) week extension.

Town Hall will remain open to the public during regular business hours Monday thru Friday; 10:00 am to 4:00 pm.

The Municipality will re-evaluate these closures once further information and direction is received from the Government of Ontario on or before January 26th.

"It is frustrating that we are back in this type of scenario." states Mayor Rick Dumas. "But we have no choice but to follow the provincial guidelines. To help us move forward, we as residents need to ensure that we get vaccinated and the booster shot so we have maximum protection from the virus."

For more information, please contact the Municipal office during regular business hours at 229-1340; after hours 229-6125. We encourage our residents to visit our Municipal website (www.marathon.ca) and Municipal Facebook page for updated information.

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