

# THE VILLAGE OF MONTROSE

**POLICY TITLE:** COVID – 19 PANDEMIC RESPONSE POLICY

**POLICY # 4900**

**POLICY STATEMENT:**

It is the policy of Council to enable the Village to respond appropriately in the face of the COVID – 19 Pandemic.

**POLICY BACKGROUND:**

The COVID-19 Pandemic has the ability to seriously jeopardize the safety and well-being of Village staff, elected officials, residents and visitors. Provincial and Federal authorities and agencies have issued protocol measures, health orders, guidelines and regulations regarding community and workplace safety to help mitigate the spread and effects of COVID -19.

**POLICY GOAL:**

The goal of this policy is to establish clear guidelines and expectations for Council, Village Staff, the general public and visitors of the Village regarding the implementation of preparedness strategies to plan for the scenario of significant community spread of COVID - 19

**POLICY OBJECTIVES:**

1. The Village will follow Federal, Provincial and local health authorities' orders, regulations and best practices in regard to COVID – 19 Pandemic response where it is operationally feasible or a legally mandated requirement.
2. The Village will make its best efforts to minimize negative impacts on service levels to residents while helping to ensure the safety and well-being of residents and Village staff.
3. The Village will focus on the provision of essential services to residents and Village infrastructure and operations, including water, sewer, roads, garbage services, finances, and associated administrative and governance support.
4. This policy will be reviewed periodically as needed to meet the requirements and direction of the Federal and Provincial governments.
5. Council meetings may be held electronically and as per Provincial Government directives and legislation.
6. Village facilities, parks and amenities may be closed or access curtailed in order to ensure public and staff safety. The decision to close or curtail access to Village facilities., parks and amenities shall reside with Village management staff.
7. The Village shall promote and strongly encourage safe social distancing, proper hand washing hygiene, and stay at home directives from the Federal and Provincial Governments for Village staff, Council, residents and visitors.

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