



Town of Fort Smith

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Dear Residents of Fort Smith,

The past couple of weeks have been unprecedented and the events of the past few days are causing rapid changes to our everyday lives. The NWT border is closed, groups gatherings are banned, and the NWT's Chief Public Health Officer has made many recommendations that we are all expected to follow. At this time everyone who can stay home should stay home, please limit your interactions with others, and wash your hands frequently. Also, please stay calm and show others kindness and respect.

The Town of Fort Smith is in regular contact with our GNWT colleagues, public health authorities, and local indigenous governments, and there is a very good exchange of information happening daily. Our Town participates in a territorial-wide EMO meeting several times a week, Town staff meet constantly, and Town Council is receiving regular updates.

The Town has several ways for you to receive the most up-to-date information:

- Local radio broadcasts at 101.9 FM at 9:00 AM, 1:00 PM & 5:00 PM daily.
- Visit our website <https://www.fortsmith.ca/coronavirus-disease-covid-19>
- Visit Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/fortsmithnwt/>
- Visit Instagram at <https://www.instagram.com/fortsmithnwt/>
- Visit Twitter at <https://twitter.com/TownofFortSmith>

The Town of Fort Smith has a plan in place to ensure that our essential services – water, sewer, garbage pick-up, street clearing, fire and ambulance response, bylaw enforcement, etc. – are business as usual. While Town Hall's doors are now locked, staff are still working every day to ensure essential services are delivered. If you have questions about payments, water delivery, street clearing, garbage, or any other municipal concerns, please call us at 867-872-8400.

Remember it is important to establish routines at home for you and your family and remember that recreation and wellness are important parts of everyday life. Residents are encouraged to use the Thebacha Trail and other open spaces in and around the community while practicing social distancing and limiting contact with other residents.

It is also important to support local businesses and our local economy as you can, such as ordering take-out food supporting local artists, or working on home projects.

Finally, I also want to thank all our residents who must continue to work in public during this time, including grocery store staff, delivery drivers, medical personal, Town staff, community volunteers and other essential workers. Your dedication and service to our community is noticed and appreciated.

Mayor Lynn Napier & Fort Smith Town Council