



# **Town of Fort Smith**

## **Road Closure Update**

March 23, 2020

This weekend the Government of the Northwest Territories closed the border with Alberta as a preventative measure to help slow the spread of the coronavirus. The closing of the border between Alberta and the NWT will have little effect on residents.

As we all know, Fort Smith is on the border with Alberta and many of our friends and family live in Border Town and Fort Fitzgerald. As the GNWT determines how it will implement this closure, the Town of Fort Smith will work to ensure minimum disruption to residents on both sides of the border.

Currently all essential services provided to residents south of the border (water, sewer, garbage, ambulance, fire protection, heating fuel, etc.) will continue. Further, all southern residents are allowed to come north to access essential services such as food and healthcare.

We are still working to determine how this impacts recreational use of the area south of the border; while the winter road is closed, we understand that skiers and dog walkers would like to have continued opportunity go get out of the house while maintaining social distancing in our great outdoors. We will keep you informed as things change.