



**MESSAGE FROM HANWELL  
EMERGENCY MEASURES  
COMMITTEE  
COVID-19**

*Please review the following message from our Emergency Measures Coordinator, Terri Parker about the evolving situation with COVID-19.*

*Thank you and take care.*

*Susan Cassidy, Mayor*

March 19, 2020

Dear Hanwell Residents,

With the current situation that we are experiencing the Emergency Measures Committee of Hanwell can not stress the importance of self-isolation.

In the following days, week(s) or possibly month(s), it is imperative to act on the Province of NB and Health Authorities' direction. This is not the time to think this is not going to happen or it will be a mild case, we do not have that experience to make such decisions, therefore we take direction from those that do.

As you are aware through social media there are updates every day, the number of cases either confirmed or presumptive are increasing in NB and this is very concerning for the Emergency Measures Committee.

We have activated our Emergency Operations Centre (EOC) to Level 1 (Monitoring) in which we are monitoring the situation and updates have and will be provided through social media.

The committee strongly urges you to sign up for Sentinel Emergency Alerts, if this situation escalates, and notifications need be sent quickly to Hanwell residents, and business owners.

The link is: <https://ecc.sentinel systems.ca/selfsub/?c=hanwell>

In yesterday's press release Dr. Jennifer Russell, chief medical officer of health, "is directing New Brunswickers to stay home and engage in proper social distancing practices to help slow the spread of COVID-19 (the novel coronavirus)."

Premier Blaine Higgs stressed "the importance of following the advice of health professionals to protect New Brunswickers, especially the more vulnerable residents." He warned that if people do not act as advised, additional measures may need to be taken to ensure that everyone follows the Public Health recommendations. Today, the Province has declared a State of Emergency, with the Premier stating that "this declaration provides us with the tools we need to ensure the safety of New Brunswickers. This is not a decision we took lightly. We are confident that these measures will result in New Brunswickers taking the necessary actions."

If you are aware of someone that may need assistance, other than medical, please contact the municipal office 7 days a week either by phone (460-1177) or email (tparker@hanwell.nb.ca) and I will respond. We are always in need of volunteers for our committee as well as helping us in the event of emergency.

On behalf of the Emergency Measures Committee, Council and Staff, the health and safety of our residents are our main concern. This is not a time to panic but to be aware of the situation now and in the near future, keep informed through credible sources, and get prepared.

Be Safe Everyone!

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Clerk/Treasurer  
Rural Community of Hanwell