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City of Mount Pearl Closing All Buildings and Focusing on Core Services

Mount Pearl, NL – Today, the City of Mount Pearl announced they will be closing all City buildings, including City Hall, to the public effective close of business today, March 17, 2020. The City is supporting the direction from both Federal and Provincial Government, health authorities and agencies, and taking measures necessary to prevent the spread of COVID-19. The City's first priority is to protect the health and wellness of our employees. To do this, we are implementing a focus on our core service offering only, until further notice.

Effective close of business Tuesday, March 17, 2020:

- All City facilities and buildings, including City Hall, are closed to the public
- The City will maintain core services including water testing, snow clearing and ice control, garbage collection (as per the regular schedule), essential water and sewer operations, and municipal enforcement
- Recycling collection is suspended until further notice
- All City recreational programming and rentals are suspended until further notice, including birthday parties, user group rentals, etc. (Please note, recreational staff will be reaching out to those impacted individually)

"This is an unprecedented situation, and we appreciate the understanding of our residents and business community as we work to maintain services, ensuring the health and safety of our employees remains our top priority," said Mayor Dave Aker. "There is uncertainty around us, and the best thing we can do is collaborate, support each other, and work together to prevent the spread of COVID-19."

The City of Mount Pearl has activated a work from home approach wherever possible to provide business continuity and maintain core services. Residents and businesses can call the City's main phone line at 748-1000 or email us at info@mountpearl.ca, as all correspondence will be directed to the appropriate staff for response. Updates related to City services will also be available at <https://www.mountpearl.ca/covid19/>.

The City is working alongside other municipalities, levels of government, and health authorities to make the best decisions possible in response to COVID-19.