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Health and Safety of Residents and Staff is Yorkton's Priority

As with any public health issue, the City of Yorkton works closely with the Saskatchewan Medical Health Office and their local officials and follow their lead. This was the case with the West Nile Virus and the H1N1 Influenza in the recent past.

“Our highest priority has always been to safeguard the health and safety of the public who visit and use our facilities, as well as the staff who work in them,” said Mayor Bob Maloney. “As a result, the frequency of janitorial services will be increased, including the disinfecting of door handles and counter surfaces as well as washroom cleaning. Hand sanitizer dispensers are being installed in high traffic locations, however washing hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds is recommended,” he said.

“Administratively, we will be reviewing our business continuity plans to determine minimum critical service levels are maintained as we progress through this serious public health situation,” said the Mayor. “We will continue ensure ongoing regular communication with the Saskatchewan Health Authority and developments as they unfold. I emphasize that this is a team effort from many cooperating agencies,” he said. “Any possible building closures will only occur in consultation with these medical health professionals,” said the Mayor. At this time all public facilities will remain open.

“Yorkton Fire Protective Services has been reviewing body substance isolation training as well as increasing normal preventive measures to prevent secondary contamination in the fire hall. Non-essential travel for our fire fighters has also been suspended,” said Fire Chief Trevor Morrissey. The Fire Chief is also the City's Emergency Measures Operations Coordinator.

“We encourage everyone to practice proper hygiene such as covering a cough and/or sneeze with a tissue and promptly disposing of it in the garbage; refrain from touching your eyes, nose and mouth; practice “social distancing”; and stay home when feeling sick,” he said.

For more information on the COVID-19 virus, and what you can do to protect yourself and those around you, please refer to the notices and publications that can be found at www.saskatchewan.ca/coronavirus.

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