



City of Sarnia

MEDIA RELEASE

DATE: March 18, 2020 RELEASE DATE: Immediate
FROM: City of Sarnia Primary Control Group
SUBJECT: COVID-19 State of Emergency Declaration – March 18, 2020

On March 18, 2020 at 1:31 p.m., The City of Sarnia declared an emergency in accordance with the *Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act, 1990* as a result of the COVID-19 (Coronavirus) outbreak in Ontario. The declaration is a precaution being taken by the City for the following reasons:

- To raise public awareness regarding the gravity of the current pandemic situation;
- To protect volunteers that are called to assist;
- To preserve the rights of the city for future compensation should it become available; and
- To ensure the City can quickly respond to other unforeseen events should they arise.

To provide citizens with the latest available information, the City has established a COVID-19 Hotline and will update the City's website regularly with up to date messaging pertaining to closures, contact information for public health agencies, and contact information for other essential government services.

The COVID-19 Hotline can be reached at 1-877-4-SARNIA (1-877-472-7642) or visit the City's Website www.sarnia.ca

For further information, please contact:

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