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PRESS RELEASE

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The Town is following the lead of Alberta's Chief Medical Officer of Health and Alberta Health Services (AHS) when determining risk and taking precautions and are developing our plans accordingly. We are in frequent contact with AHS, other municipalities and the Alberta Emergency Management Agency (AEMA). Administration is taking an approach that reflects our relationship with the community and our commitment to acting on evidence. We will not allow ourselves to get ahead of the actual risk, and we will not feed into fears which can spread more quickly than any virus. That said, we are continuing to make decisions that protect our staff, our community, our assets and our organization, and that keep people informed. With conditions changing daily – sometimes hourly, decisions are being made with the interest of the public and our staff in mind.

As you may have heard, licensed child-care and out-of-school care programs in Alberta are closed. Student attendance at elementary and high schools is prohibited. Approved day homes are exempt because they care for fewer than seven children at a time.

As of Monday, March 16, 2020 Pembina Place will be closed to the public until further notice. All facility bookings have been cancelled to ensure the protection of the public as well as our staff. The Food Bank will continue to operate by appointment, and subject to a health questionnaire.

The Library and Museum will also be closed until further notice to comply with medical directives regarding social distancing.

While the Town office will remain open, we encourage residents to contact the Town via telephone or email and make bill payments online and/or through the drop box located at the front door of the building where possible. The Town will continue to monitor the situation and adjust operations as warranted. The public's health and safety are paramount as we progress with the COVID 19 situation. Regular updates from the Province and AB Health will be shared on our website and social media.

Respectfully,

A blue ink signature of Larry Davidson, written in a cursive style.

Larry Davidson
Town Manager/DEM