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Meeting Date	January 12, 2021			Report Date	January 11, 2021				
Decision Requested		Yes	X	No	Priority		High		Low
	Direction Only			Type of Meeting	X	Open		Closed	

Report Title
COVID 19 RESPONSE UPDATE

Resolution	Relationship to the Strategic Plan/Health Impact Assessment
For Information Only	<p>This report is informed by all of the Strategic Objectives outlined in the City of Greater Sudbury Strategic Plan 2019-2027, specifically:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Asset Management and Service Excellence • Business Attraction, Development and Retention • Climate Change • Economic Capacity and Investment Readiness • Housing • Create a Healthier Community • Strengthen Community Vibrancy
Resolution Continued	Background Attached

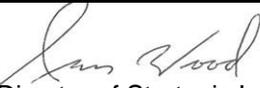
Report Summary

This report is the fourteenth Council Update on the COVID-19 Pandemic Emergency and builds on the information provided in the previous reports on the April 7, May 5, May 19, June 9, June 23, July 7, August 12, September 8, September 22 and October 6, October 20, November 10, November 24 and December 15 Council Agendas.

Financial Implications

There are no financial implications for this report.

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Division Review

NA

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A: INTRODUCTION

On December 26, Ontario entered a province-wide shutdown period intended to contain the spread of COVID-19 in the post-holiday period. Northern Ontario, including Greater Sudbury, was supposed to exit the shutdown period on January 9 but an upward trend in new and active cases has resulted in an extension of the shutdown until January 23.

Locally, the number of active cases has risen significantly and is higher than at any point in the pandemic. Recent trends are not positive, with challenging cluster outbreaks and spread within the community.

Mayor Bigger and Dr. Sutcliffe have continued to encourage citizens to stay home and avoid non-essential contact with those outside individual households. Provincial shutdown messaging states that everyone should remain at home except for outings for prescriptions, groceries or medical appointments.

Distribution of vaccines has begun in Ontario and while vaccinations of front line health care workers and LTC residents in Greater Sudbury could begin in the next few weeks, it is clear that it will be many months before the majority of the population will be able to receive the two required doses. For the next six to nine months, continued vigilance and strict adherence to public health protocols will remain vital practices for all citizens to eliminate viral spread and keep the community and vulnerable citizens as safe as possible.

B: CURRENT STATUS OF CGS SERVICES

As a result of the provincial shutdown, the temporary changes made to a number of municipal services and programs on December 26 will continue until January 23. Unless indicated below, municipal services will continue to operate as normal. Staff are assessing potential impacts on revenue projections for 2021 and will reflect any significant effects that cannot be mitigated in the draft budget.

Arenas

Arenas are closed and all ice bookings and public skating programs are cancelled during the provincial shutdown. No new dates are being booked at this time.

User groups – staff are reviewing and adjusting ice booking contracts to reflect these cancellations and details will be emailed once changes are complete. If you paid for ice within this timeframe, a credit will be applied to your account for future bookings.

Individual/family skate – a full refund will be issued to the credit card on the account. Those who booked ice with a different method of payment (debit, cash or cheque) are asked to email icebookings@greatersudbury.ca. All existing registrations for Parents & Tots, Adults, or All Ages Public Skating have been cancelled.

Pools and Fitness Centres

All pools and fitness centres are closed. Fitness memberships will be extended and punchcards will be honoured at all facilities based on the duration of the shutdown. Residents who were in a

registered program can reschedule their registration or receive an account credit or refund. Residents who have questions about programs or memberships, can email leisure.services@greatersudbury.ca.

Outdoor Leisure Activities

Ski hills will remain closed, as per provincial requirements. Season pass options are currently under review. Passholders will be contacted with further information and options.

Depending on weather conditions, Queen's Athletic Skating Oval and the Ramsey Lake Skating Path, which historically open between mid-January and early February, will open. Some of the City's 54 outdoor neighbourhood rinks have opened, and others are being prepared. Fieldhouses will remain closed. Residents should be prepared to change into skates outside.

Parks, playgrounds and open spaces remain open for pass-through purposes. These areas cannot be used for team games or sports. Benches, waste bins, gates, handrails and other surfaces are not sanitized. The Jim Gordon Boardwalk (Bell Park), Delki Dozzi track and Fielding Memorial Park walking loop are maintained for winter walking opportunities.

Users are reminded to maintain a distance of two metres from people who are not part of their household and wear a mask if distancing is difficult.

Libraries and Citizen Service Centres

All Libraries and Citizen Service Centres will remain open for contactless curbside pickup. All returned materials will be disinfected or quarantined for an appropriate period of time before being recirculated.

Residents who require Citizen Service Centre services can contact the facility directly to discuss options, as many services are available online or via telephone. Residents are asked to avoid all non-essential visits to Citizen Service Centres.

For more information, including branch-specific hours of operation and to book materials for pickup, visit www.sudburylibraries.ca/covid-19-update.

Tom Davies Square

Tom Davies Square will remain open by appointment only, Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Public access is limited to the main floor, including the public washrooms. Residents should avoid all non-essential visits to Tom Davies Square. Many services are available online or over the phone, and residents are asked to first contact 311 by phone or Live Web Chat (311.greatersudbury.ca) to see if there's an alternative to an in-person visit. A full list of online services can be found at www.greatersudbury.ca/eservices.

Garbage and Recycling

The household hazardous waste drop-off day scheduled for Saturday, January 16 has been cancelled. The Toxic Taxi will continue to operate for home collection of residential household hazardous waste. To make an appointment for home collection, residents can email toxictaxi@greatersudbury.ca or call [705-560-9019](tel:705-560-9019).

The service counter at the Recycling Centre will be closed and the sale of Big Blues, kitchen collectors and backyard composters will be suspended until the shutdown has been lifted. Blue boxes and green carts can be ordered for home delivery via the Waste Wise app, online at www.greatersudbury.ca/wastewise or by calling 311. Please allow up to two weeks for delivery.

Bag tags can be ordered online or purchased at participating retail stores that remain open to the public. For more information, visit www.greatersudbury.ca/bagtags.

Landfill sites will remain open. In order to maintain physical distancing, only four to six vehicles will be permitted onsite at a time at all sites. Residential roadside waste collection vehicles and commercial waste haulers will be provided priority access. Residents should be prepared for longer than usual wait times. The City has set up a live camera at the Sudbury landfill site so that residents can see how busy it is before they make the trip. Check out the live feed at www.greatersudbury.ca/landfill-livestream.

Animal Shelter

The Greater Sudbury Animal Shelter continues to accept visitors by appointment only. Please call 311 to make arrangements.

C. PLANNING FOR VACCINES

CGS staff are working with Mayor Bigger and the Community Control Group, to support Public Health in preparations for community vaccination campaigns, expected in the second and third quarter of 2021. Dr. Sutcliffe and the PHSD have strong experience and are well-prepared to lead the vaccination efforts. The City of Greater Sudbury, including the emergency medical services assets, and Health Sciences North, are in constant communication with PHSD to ensure that logistical and other support is ready when needed.

D. NEXT STEPS

CGS Communications will continue to liaise with PHSD, HSN and GSPS and to support Mayor Bigger's efforts to amplify and reinforce messages for the public. In the coming weeks and months the urgency of personal responsibility will be critical to moderate the potential impacts of COVID-19 in Greater Sudbury. The current shutdown is intended to create a "circuit breaker" effect and turn the trends back closer to the success the community has enjoyed for several months.

Staff will provide a further update at the meeting of Council on January 26, 2020.

D: REFERENCES

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