



A Message from Mayor Arnold

On behalf of Council I would like to give our sincere apology for the situation that we are currently in as a community and the disruptions that this has caused for all of us that rely on Municipal services day in and day out. Know that our thoughts and prayers are with all of you.

These are really unprecedented times for us all. We are deeply concerned about the health and safety of our Residents, both younger and older, as well as our Staff in regards to the impact of COVID-19. We have been working with the Township and County Emergency Control Group as well as taking leadership and direction from our Medical Officer of Health Dr. Ranade, as well as both the Province and the Federal Governments. We continue to monitor the situation here locally and have put in place a number of local preventative measures to help slow down the spread of COVID-19 virus.

In aligning with previous actions taken by the County of Lambton and other local municipalities, the Township of St. Clair has declared a state of medical emergency. This action alone should not escalate, nor deescalate your preventative measures currently in place related to the spread of COVID-19. Instead, this action is intended to provide the municipality with the ability to raise awareness, and protect volunteers if and when they are required.

Be assured that critical supply chain infrastructure such as the grocery stores, gas stations, pharmacies and other commercial venues will stay open for business and be able to supply the needs of our residents throughout this time. Patience is the key for all of us. Our Emergency Response Personnel Fire, Police, Paramedics and Public Works will continue to provide assistance as they are needed.

The Township office is currently closed to the Public and will remain so until the virus has run its course. However Staff will continue to be available by appointment only, for planning needs. All of us will keep social distancing at the forefront while conducting the Township's business to help protect all of us.

All other Township buildings and programming including Council Mtgs will be cancelled until after the virus has run its course and our Medical Officer of Health gives us an all clear to allow us to return to normal operations.

We are currently working with the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing to establish processes so we can legally continue conducting the business of the Municipality that is needed by Council Meeting Motions.

I just want to say thank you to everyone for their patience and willingness to do whatever is necessary to bring us out of this situation stronger and more resilient than ever before. Be sure to thank (indirectly

of course) those around you that are serving us all so well and unselfishly at this time, look out for each other and above all stay safe as we navigate through this COVID-19 Emergency Situation.



A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Steve Arnold". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a prominent initial "S" and "A".

Mayor Steve Arnold