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March 24, 2020, Crossfield, Alta. – In response to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, the Town of Crossfield today declared a State of Local Emergency (SOLE,) which provides the municipality with access to additional measures under the Emergency Management Act to help prevent the spread of the virus in the local area.

“The Town of Crossfield takes this situation extremely seriously and council has taken this step as a means of protecting our local community,” Mayor Jo Tennant said. “Our top priority is the health, safety and well-being of our community members and ensuring essential services continue to be provided.”

The Town of Crossfield has additional measures under the SOLE to help limit spread of the virus and enforce the advisories issued by the province, including:

- ensuring businesses are following the recommended protocols,
- ensuring symptomatic community members self-isolate,
- ensuring gatherings are limited to a maximum of 50 people, and
- ensuring that individuals who have returned from international travel are following the 14-day self-isolation recommendation.

The State of Local Emergency remains in place for seven days, unless renewed or revoked by council.

Recent updates from the province show the COVID-19 virus is now spreading from means other than those related to travel.

The first confirmed case in the Crossfield area was announced March 21. The Crossfield area, according to AHS’s guidelines, extends to east of Irricana and south to Highway 566. The exact location of the affected individual within that area is not known.

“Town council and staff thank the community for their support during these trying times,” Tennant said. “It is a challenge to follow the province’s recommendations, and we appreciate the community’s willingness to get on board and work together to beat this.”

The Town of Crossfield will continue to follow the guidelines and recommendations of the province in its response to the pandemic. Community members are urged to access credible sources of information as this situation continues to develop.

The Alberta government website – www.alberta.ca/coronavirus-info-for-albertans.aspx – provides up-to-date information regarding the COVID-19 pandemic, including how to protect yourself and others and stop the spread.

The Town of Crossfield posts daily updates on its website – www.crossfieldalberta.com – and on social media throughout the day.

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