**Council Comments # 37 – April 8, 2020**

As seasonal residents contemplate their options when considering Covid – 19, it may come to mind that moving to or visiting Cochin earlier than usual and/or staying longer than usual is a good idea. Who can criticize such a conclusion? What a beautiful and relaxing place the Village is.

As far as Council is aware, there have been no Covid – 19 positive tests in Cochin. There can be no doubt that all residents – both seasonal and permanent – are pleased that such is the case.

Council pleads that all visitors and residents – both seasonal and permanent - scrupulously comply with all of the public health directives and orders including self-isolation, social/physical distancing and limited size of gatherings. We are all cautioned not to be lulled into a false sense of safety just because we are taking advantage of the small village atmosphere and staying in our Village residences which have been the location of many happy times.

Social/physical distancing guidelines are set at “at least” six feet or two meters. If six feet are good, 12’ are better.

Group gatherings have been set at no more than 10 provided there is compliance with the social/distancing directives. The latest advice from our Sask Health is that only those living in one’s home should be allowed to enter the home. By necessary implication: no home parties or other in-home activities involving anyone who does not live in your home.

Council has:

1. Closed the Village office to everyone except Village staff and members of Council. [See Council Comments #36 for alternate methods of being in contact with our administration.] an
2. Directed our Village foreman to assertively prevent persons from entering the Village shop and associated compound.
3. Directed our Village foreman to employ a 12-foot social/physical distance rule when carrying out his duties.
4. Although Council meetings only physical gather together five members of Council and our administrator along with consultants and, sometimes, interested members of the public, until further notice, Council meetings will only be physically attended by our administrator with all others attending by the social media facility known as Zoom.
5. Council has proposed the closing access to and use of all playground equipment until further notice. By necessary implication the associated playgrounds are similarly closed, this will be approved at our Tuesday, April 14th 2020 council meeting.
6. Deferred consideration of closing all parks and beaches pending observation of peoples’ compliance with the social/physical distancing directives.

Members of the public are invited to attend Council Meetings held using Zoom. If you wish to take advantage of this option, please telephone the village office (306-386-2333) and speak with either Amber or Jennifer who will record your information and provide to you a link with which you may register for the meeting. Attendees must register. Leave a message if you reach our answering machine and one of these persons will return your call.

In consideration of Covid – 19:

Cochin Community Players has cancelled its spring show.

The Lighthouse Café will not reopen until some date to be determined.

Please join our efforts to keep us “positive testing free”.