

COVID-19 Update

Emergency Advisory Committee
March 26, 2020

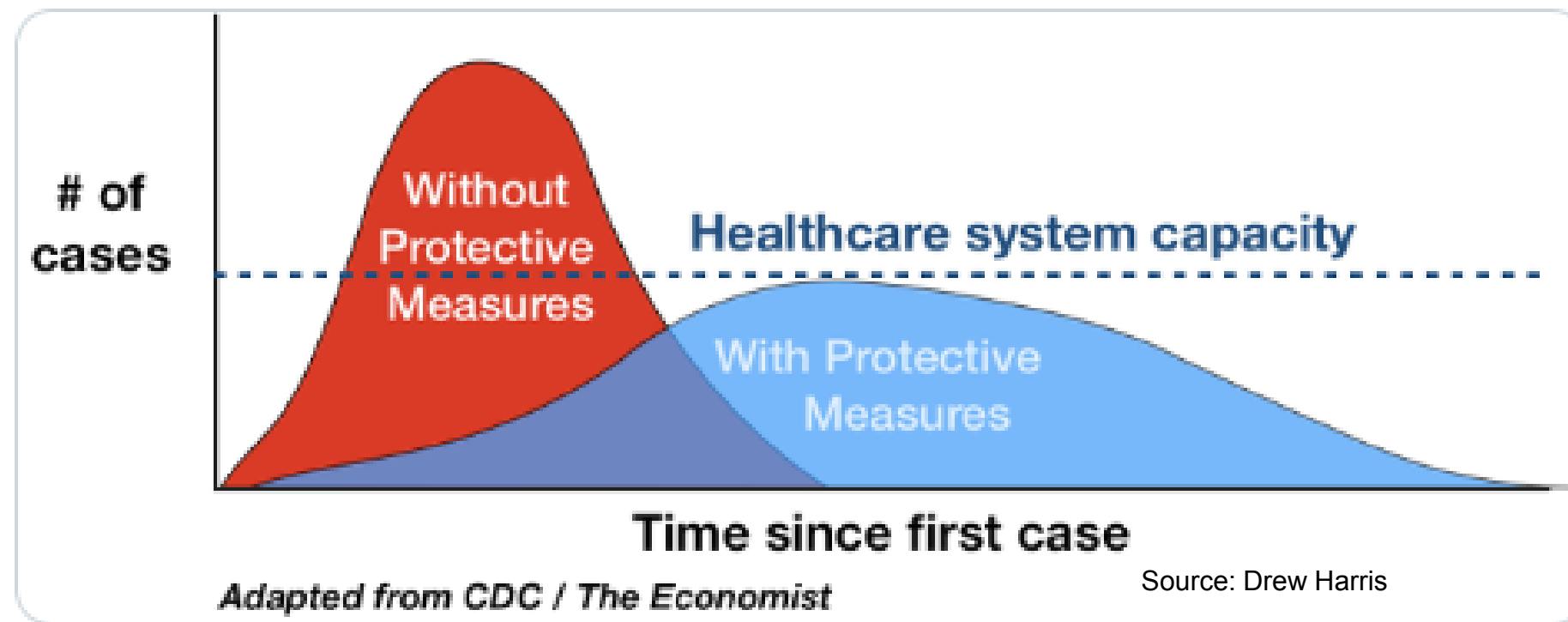
Agenda

1. Situation Update
2. Emergency Social Services
3. Provincial Policy Changes regarding Policing
4. State of Local Emergency (SOLE)
5. Service Level Changes
6. Communications/Social Media

Approach

Important to remember that COVID-19 epidemic control measures may only delay cases, not prevent.

However, this may limit surge and gives hospitals time to prepare and manage.



Situation update

- January 28 – Strathcona County formed a COVID Task Force
- March 16 – Strathcona County opened our EOC
- March 17 - Alberta Government declared a public health emergency
- March 25 -
 - 61 new cases
 - 419 total cases
- "As I've said before, we will get through this together. Even if for now we have to stay far apart."

(Chief Medical Officer of Health, March 25, 2020)

Situation update

- March 13 – Indoor recreation facilities closed
 - March 17 – additional facilities closed such as off-leash dog park, Strathcona Wilderness Centre, Gallery@501
 - March 19 – closed public service counters
 - March 21 – Family Community Services transitioned to 7 day per week call-in support line
 - March 24 – transit service levels reduced; no fare enforcement
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- 100% critical services being delivered
 - 96% staff available for work
 - 54% working remotely

Situation update

- For our community
 - We are delivering our critical services
 - We are prepared to deal with seasonal incidents e.g. spring flooding in our rural area
- For our staff and the community
 - Our cleaning contractors have implemented enhanced cleaning protocols to protect staff and residents who come to our work sites.

Food security and basic needs

- Federal and Provincial Supports
- Current capacity of Strathcona County Food Bank
- Alternative solutions and funding

Community partner update

- Connecting twice a week with Social Framework Leadership Table
- Alternative service delivery options
- New and emerging support

Family and Community Services

critical services

- Home care for seniors in the lodges
- Staying connected with participants
- Expanded social supports by phone
- Current frequency and types of calls

Policing

- "To protect the health and safety of Albertans, law enforcement agencies now have full authority to enforce public health orders and issue fines for violations." (Premier Kenney, March 25, 2020)

Considerations relative to State of Local Emergency (SOLE)

- Section 2 of the Constitution Act 1982, Part 1, Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms provides that everyone has fundamental freedoms, including freedom of peaceful assembly and freedom of association
- The Alberta Bill of Rights S.A. 1972 c 1, section 1 (a) enshrines the right of the individual to liberty, security of the person and enjoyment of property, and the right not to be deprived thereof except by due process of law
- Powers granted under a State of Local Emergency can impact these rights, and should be carefully considered

Considerations relative to State of Local Emergency (SOLE)

- Once declared, a SOLE must be renewed every 7 days
- Powers are detailed in Section 37 of the Strathcona County Emergency Management Bylaw (17-2018)

SOLE

- (1) cause the MEP and related plans and programs to be put into operation;
 - The Municipal Emergency Plan and Business Continuity Plans have already been activated.

- (2) acquire or utilize any real or personal property considered necessary to prevent, combat or alleviate the effects of an Emergency or Disaster;
 - Do not anticipate a need for this power at this time.

- (3) authorize or require any qualified person to render aid of a type the person is qualified to provide;
 - Any requests to the community are receiving strong and immediate support.

SOLE

(4) control or prohibit travel to or from any area of the County;

- Do not require this power at this time.

(5) provide for the restoration of essential facilities and the distribution of essential supplies and provide, maintain and co-ordinate emergency medical, welfare and other essential services in any part of the County;

- Efforts to manage the supply chain are being handled at the Provincial and Federal level.

SOLE

(6) cause the evacuation of persons and the removal of livestock and personal property from any area of the County that is or may be affected by a Disaster and make arrangements for the adequate care and protection of those persons or livestock and of the personal property;

- Do not anticipate a need for this power at this time.

(7) authorize the entry into any building or on any land, without warrant, by any person in the course of implementing the MEP and related plans and programs;

- Do not anticipate a need for this power at this time.

SOLE

(8) cause the demolition or removal of any trees, structures or crops if the demolition or removal is necessary or appropriate in order to reach the scene of a Disaster, or to attempt to forestall its occurrence or to combat its progress;

- Do not anticipate a need for this power at this time.

(9) procure or fix prices for food, clothing, fuel, equipment, medical supplies, or other essential supplies and the use of any property, services, resources or equipment within any part of the County for the duration of the state of local emergency;

- Efforts to manage the supply chain are being handled at the Provincial and Federal level.

SOLE

- (10) authorize the conscription of persons needed to meet an Emergency.
- Any requests for support are being met with an entirely cooperative response.

Recreation and Culture update

STATUS UPDATE

- March 13 – Recreation and culture facilities closed to public
- March 18 – Outdoor rinks, dog-off leash parks, Strathcona Wilderness Centre, Gallery@501 closed
- Strathcona County playgrounds (144), parks (132) and trails (280km) and other park amenities remain open at this time. Use is being monitored at popular sites.
- Weekly meetings with regional municipalities
- Strathcona County continues to promote the importance of social distancing via social media and community signage.

Recreation and Culture update

HELPING TO KEEP OUR COMMUNITY SAFE

- Focused on community education and monitoring popular outdoor spaces
- **Recommendation:** Close outdoor amenities including playgrounds and hard surface play areas such courts, spray parks, the skateboard park, gazebos, and picnic shelters
 - High touch areas are not disinfected
 - Social distancing cannot be maintained
 - Traffic increases with warmer weather

HELP PREVENT THE SPREAD OF COVID-19

PLAYGROUND CLOSED

Helping to keep our community safe

- Walk within your own neighbourhood and stay close to home.
- Always keep at least 6 feet (2 metres) distance from others.
- Stay home as much as possible, and avoid close contact with other people.

For more information, visit
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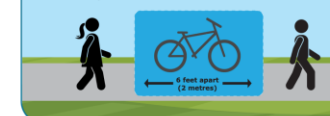
Thank you



Protect yourself and your neighbours

Keep at least 6 feet (2 metres) distance from others when using the park.

Stop the spread.
Walk apart.



Share the trails and warn other trail users of your presence as you pass.

Stop the spread.
Pass off-path.



Stay home as much as possible, and avoid close contact with other people.

Stop the spread.
Stay home.



Avoid touching communal surfaces and wash or sanitize your hands frequently.

Stop the spread.
Wash your hands frequently.



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Recreation and Culture update

INDOOR AND OUTDOOR FACILITY CLOSURES

Recommendation: Extend Recreation and Culture indoor and outdoor facility closures from April 14 to June 15 or until further notice.

- Ardrossan Recreation Complex
- Broadmoor Arena
- Broadmoor Public Golf Course
- Community halls
- Dog off-leash areas
- Emerald Hills Leisure Centre
- Emerald Hills Sports Pavilion
- Gallery@501
- Glen Allan Recreation Complex
- Kinsmen Leisure Centre
- Millennium Place
- Moyer Recreation Centre
- Outdoor skating rinks
- Sherwood Park Arena and Sports Centre
- Strathcona Olympiette Centre
- Strathcona Wilderness Centre
- Smeltzer House, Clay Hut and Studio 1
- Festival Place
- Children and Youth Community Centre

Recreation and Culture update

SERVICE MODIFICATIONS

Continue to communicate service modifications as follows:

- **Spring and Spring Break programs**
 - Recommend to cancel and automatically provide refunds
- **Bookings**
 - Cancel or reschedule where possible
 - Work directly with each booking client (April to June)
- **Admissions and memberships**
 - Facilities closed until June 15 or until further notice
 - Millennium Card payments will not be processed

Community recycling services

- Broadview Enviroservice Station and Ardrossan Recycle Station to close to the public at the end of day Friday, March 27th.
 - Protection of staff and public by reducing interactions out of home.
 - Lack of controls at Ardrossan site are resulting in increased abuse and misuse.
 - Concern for staff capacity and safety when cleaning and handling these dumped or contaminated materials.
 - Removal of bins at Ardrossan and fencing in place.
- Redirect residents to hold/store materials safely or utilize curbside recycling services where possible.

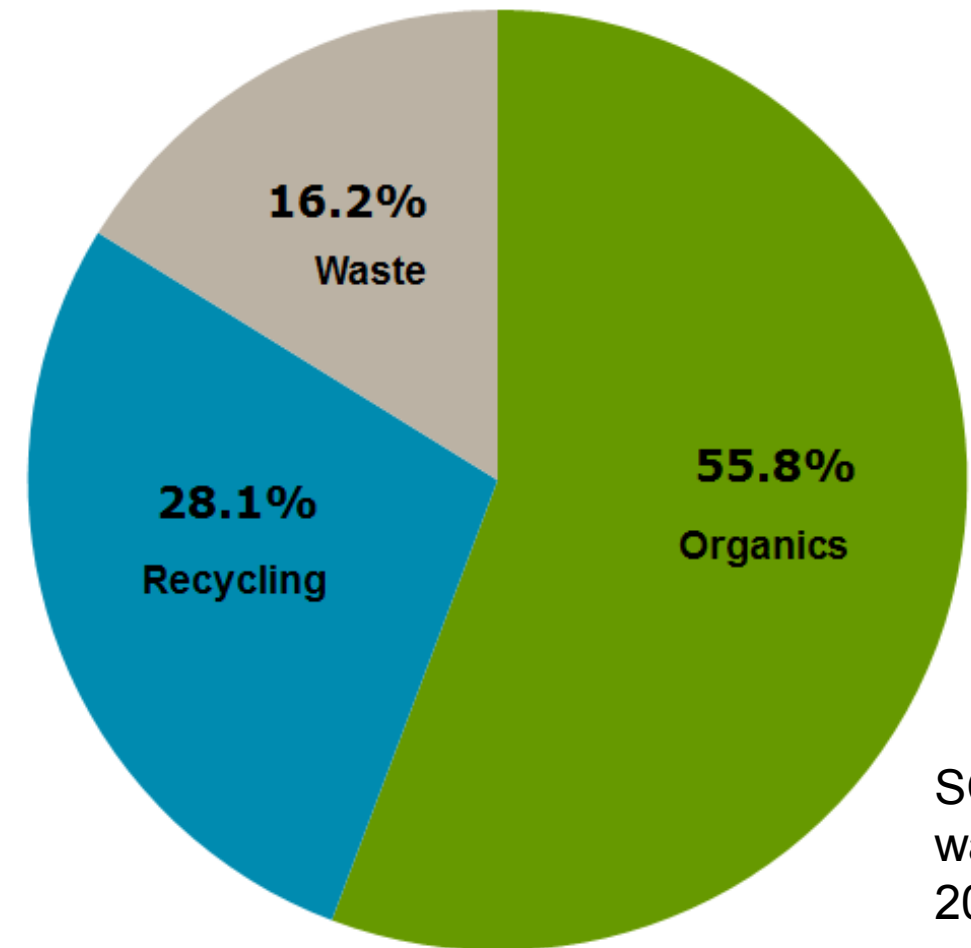
Curbside waste services

- Utilities is monitoring and planning for an approach that:
 - will handle the potential increase in household waste generation during the COVID-19;
 - will protect our core collection services for waste, organics and recycle; and
 - will prioritize the health and safety of our community, including essential contractors.
- At this time, Utilities is not seeing an influx of customer complaints related to increased waste materials, nor an increase in tonnages that would warrant additional or alternate collection schedule.
 - Seeing an increase in recycling and less waste compared to similar week in February and March 2019.

	March 2020	Feb 2020	March 2019	Ave. Variance
Waste	428 tonnes	446 tonnes	463 tonnes	- 6.5%
Recycle	83 tonnes	76 tonnes	76 tonnes	+ 10%

Curbside waste services

- Collection contractor, GFL Environmental, is in a good resource position to ensure continuity of services.
- Overall waste generation may increase, but 80% of materials can be composted or recycled.
- The waste system depends on having materials correctly sorted.
- There is no limit to the amount of recycling that can be left out for collection. Food scraps, soiled paper, coffee filters and other organic material can be placed in the green cart (organics) to allow for extra capacity in the black cart.
- Utilities will increase communication and education related to sorting practices and will continue to monitor the situation changes.



SC residential
waste profile,
2019 audits.

Communications

- Dynamic environment; situation can change quickly.
- Communications focusing on sharing information that is needed. "Normal" operation messaging will be postponed, unless required (Eg: flooding information, road weight bans, etc).
- Communications is purposely aligning language and direction with Alberta's Chief Medical Officer of Health.
- Adjusting normal operations approach to respond to individual questions to an overall theme-based response. Our website is our source of truth.
- Providing regular updates to the EAC and staff

Social media

- Our website is our source of truth and updated frequently.
- Facebook and Twitter will be used to provide updates as conditions evolve.
- All inquiries will be monitored; however adjusting normal approach to respond to individual questions via social media to an overall theme-based response.
- Focus on responding to themes/FAQ and directing our residents to trusted sources such as Alberta Health and Alberta Health Services.
- Incorporating hashtags, where relevant (eg: #AlbertaCares #Covid19AB).

COVID-19 INFORMATION

HELP PREVENT THE SPREAD

Prevention starts with awareness.
Be informed on how you can
protect yourself and others from
novel coronavirus:

- Self-isolate if you're feeling sick
- Wash your hands frequently
- Cover coughs and sneezes
- Avoid touching your face

Concerns about your health?
Call Health Link 811.

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