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MUNICIPALITY OF NORTH PERTH

EXTREME HEAT/COLD POLICY

1.0 PURPOSE:

To establish Extreme Heat/Cold practices for municipal staff to initiate during periods of extreme heat or cold.

2.0 RESPONSIBILITY:

The Perth County Community Emergency Management Coordinator (CEMC) and the North Perth Alternate County Community Emergency Management Coordinator (CEMC) are responsible for monitoring and initiating the opening and closing of Warming/Cooling Centres under this policy.

3.0 THRESHOLDS:

The practices defined in the policy related to **extreme heat** will come into effect when:

- Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC) issues a Heat Warning for our region:
 - Heat warnings are issued for our region in Southwestern Ontario when 2 or more consecutive days of daytime maximum temperatures are forecast to reach 31°C or higher, and nighttime minimum temperatures are expected to be 20°C; or warmer, or
 - When 2 or more consecutive days of humidex values are forecast to reach 40°C or higher.
- These thresholds apply with or without smog advisory.
- Actions noted 4.0 of this policy can be initiated during periods of extreme heat without a Heat Warning at the discretion of the Perth County CEMC and the alternate North Perth CEMC.

The practices defined in the policy related to **extreme cold** will come into effect when:

- Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC) issues an Extreme Cold Warning for our region:
 - Extreme cold warnings are issued for our region in Southwestern Ontario when the temperature or wind chill is expected to reach minus 30°C for at least two hours.
- The actions noted in 4.0 of this policy can be initiated during periods of extreme cold without an Extreme Cold Warning at the discretion of the Perth County CEMC and the alternate North Perth CEMC.



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4.0 MUNICIPALITY OF NORTH PERTH ACTIONS:

- Welcome the public to use the Steve Kerr Memorial Complex, the Elma Logan Recreation Complex, and the Elma Memorial Community Centre as warming/cooling centres during regular business hours. Extended hours may be required when feasible.
- Welcome the public to use the North Perth Public Libraries as warming/cooling centres during regular business hours.
- During Heat Warnings offer the following if available:
 - Offer swim opportunities at Listowel Pool and the Atwood Lions Pool for cool down purposes, depending on previously scheduled swim times.
 - Offer use of Listowel Splash Pad during regular business hours
 - Provide scheduled times for the use of the ice pad for public skating when feasible.
- North Perth Communications Personnel will perform the following actions:
 - Advise public of the above options through social media and on the municipal website.
 - Advise the public when Warming/Cooling Centres are being opened/closed, including early shut down of the Warming/Cooling Centres should the need be identified.
 - Post weather information and thresholds on the Municipality's website and social media sites with a link to the Huron Perth Public Health website information on how to keep warm/cool.

5.0 REVISION HISTORY

Revision	Date	Comments
1	August 23, 2021	Issue Date
2	June 23, 2025	Added municipal actions for extreme cold to policy