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## **Declaration of Emergency in the City of Ottawa**

WHEREAS the outbreak of a communicable disease, namely COVID-19 coronavirus disease, constitutes a danger of major proportions that could result in serious harm to residents of the City of Ottawa; and

WHEREAS as of 2:15 pm on March 24, 2020, Ottawa Public Health was investigating 25 confirmed cases and 13 indeterminate cases in the City of Ottawa and the Medical Officer of Health has cautioned that the number of people infected with COVID-19 in the city is likely to be greater; and

WHEREAS the Medical Officer of Health has advised residents to practice social distancing to help slow the spread of novel coronavirus; and

WHEREAS on March 17, 2020, the Government of Ontario made an order declaring an emergency under s 7.0.1(1) of the *Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act* and issued associated orders requiring certain establishments legally be required to close immediately; and

WHEREAS on March 23, 2020 the Government of Ontario further announced that all non-essential businesses were required to close throughout Ontario by March 24, 11:59 p.m.; and

WHEREAS the risk of seasonal flooding may further impact the City's ability to focus its resources on addressing the COVID-19 response; and

AND WHEREAS the criteria set out in subsection 4(1) of the *Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act*, R.S.O. 1990, chapter E.9 (the "Act") have been satisfied;

NOW THEREFORE, an emergency is hereby declared pursuant to subsection 4(1) of the Act in **the whole of the City of Ottawa, in the Province of Ontario.**

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Mayor of the City of Ottawa

Date: March 25, 2020