

Direction of the Minister
under a Declared State of Emergency
(Section 14 of the *Emergency Management Act*)
20-001

During the Provincial State of Emergency declared on March 22, 2020, and under the authority provided to me in Section 14 of the *Emergency Management Act*, I direct the following Province-wide closures and prohibitions:

1. **Effective at 12 noon on March 22, 2020**, all Provincial and municipal parks and beaches are closed to all. All travel into those parks and beaches is strictly prohibited.
2. **Effective as of 6:00 am on March 23, 2020**, all persons entering the Province will be checked at the border.

These directions apply to all persons in the Province except for essential emergency personnel while carrying out their duties and responsibilities. This Direction replaces the Direction originally issued on March 22 for the same matters.

In addition, for the protection of property, I direct the following Province-wide prohibition:

3. **Effective as of 6:00 am on March 31, 2020**, all retail and other commercial landlords are prohibited from exercising the remedies of notice to quit or distress available under a commercial lease, commercial agreement, the *Tenancy and Distress for Rent Act*, or otherwise for rent due on or after March 22, 2020 from a retail or commercial tenant who has been required to close their business or their business has been substantially and directly restricted under the requirements of a Medical Officer's order issued under the *Health Protection Act*

Please note that all these directions are in addition to any requirements established in a Medical Officer's order under the *Health Protection Act*, and the Direction (20-002) issued by me on March 22 regarding municipal virtual meeting

requirements, and any other Directions issued under the *Emergency Management Act*.

A failure to comply with this Direction could result in a summary conviction with fines between \$500 to \$10,000 for individuals and up to \$100,000 for a corporation per incident.

This Direction will remain in place for the duration of the Provincial State of Emergency unless it is terminated in writing by me earlier.

Dated March 27, 2020.

Hon. Chuck Porter
Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing