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## **ANTIGONISH TOWN AND COUNTY PREPARING FOR STORM**

### **ANTIGONISH, N.S.**

The Town of Antigonish and the Municipality of the County of Antigonish are actively tracking the path of Hurricane Fiona and preparations are underway to prepare for the impacts it will have in the area.

The Antigonish Town and County Emergency Management Team (EMT) have been working closely with the Antigonish Regional Emergency Management Coordinator (AREMC) to identify areas of concern and plan for power outages and potential flooding.

“Our EMT is working as a single unit ensuring a streamlined approach to storm readiness,” says Glenn Horne, Chief Administrative Officer with the Municipality of the County of Antigonish. “For the duration of this storm staff from both organizations will be monitoring and responding to any issues that may arise.”

As pre-emptive measures, the Town will be closing the Antigonish Community Dog Park Friday, September 23 at noon. The Creighton Lane parking lot will also be closed Friday, September 23 at 3 p.m.

As lead-up to the storm, Public Works departments and municipal facilities have been conducting storm preparedness and staff will be on stand-by throughout the weekend.

In partnership with the AREMC, contacts have been made with community comfort centres, the RCMP, Volunteer Fire Departments, EHS, and Nova Scotia Health to ensure lines of communication are open.

“We are asking residents to prepare for extended power outages by having a 72 hour kit ready, clear their yards of debris, secure barbeques, trampolines and outdoor playsets, bring in outside furniture, and move cars off the street,” says Jeff Lawrence, Chief Administrative Officer with the Town of Antigonish. “Residents should stay home not only for the duration of the storm, but also in the hours following to allow our crews to assess damage and not hinder cleanup efforts.”

The Town and County’s websites will have updated storm information: [www.townofantigonish.ca](http://www.townofantigonish.ca) and [www.antigonishcounty.ns.ca](http://www.antigonishcounty.ns.ca).

Residents are also reminded that in the case of an emergency to call 911.

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