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## STATEMENT FROM NEW TECUMSETH MAYOR

The Town of New Tecumseth remains committed to working with all levels of government to stand up for entrepreneurs and small business owners, and to maintain the competitiveness of the local economy during the ongoing COVID-19 global pandemic.



During this unprecedented time, the Town of New Tecumseth will continue to provide municipal services that residents rely on. Town staff are working on a plan to ensure the Town's finances remain stable and municipal services continue. Staff will provide an update on the coordinated response to the COVID-19 pandemic at the Council meeting on April 20<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m.

Residents looking to do their part to support the local economy can do so by shopping remotely with local businesses and restaurants. Citizens are encouraged to do any of the following to show their support for small businesses in New Tecumseth:

- Order take-out or delivery from a local restaurant
- Buy gift cards for use at a later date
- Order from local businesses online
- Access government supports for businesses at [newtecumseth.ca/business-and-development](http://newtecumseth.ca/business-and-development)

New Tecumseth is a caring community and clearly recognizes the impact the COVID-19 pandemic is having on our small businesses, their owners and employees. These shops, restaurants and services are the foundation of our local economy. Any support residents can provide during these challenging times will help businesses continue to operate online and keep staff employed. We are also working with partners like Nottawasaga Futures and County of Simcoe on an approach to coordinate efforts to overcome the economic challenges of the pandemic and to proactively support and reenergize the impacted sectors of our economy. We'll have more detail on this in the days ahead as the plan comes together.

In closing I want to thank our front-line workers, Town Staff and all those who continue to provide services essential to preserving life, health, public safety and basic societal functioning through this unprecedented time. Let's work together to stay apart and together we will recover.



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