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STATEMENT FROM NEW TECUMSETH MAYOR, RICK MILNE



We are in extraordinary times, and as a result, extraordinary measures are being taken. I know that many people are feeling anxious and unsettled, and understandably so. But we are fortunate to live in a country where we have good health care facilities and where there is sound leadership and oversight at all levels to respond and adapt to this fluid situation and the Town of New Tecumseth remains committed to working with all levels of government during this time.

When it comes to what we can individually do in the fight against this virus, we all have our own role to play. The simple fact is, by protecting yourself, you are doing your part to flatten the curve and that without question is a net benefit to everyone in our community. The advice that has been given to wash hands regularly, stay home if sick and physically distance yourself starts and ends with each of us. As someone who has been in public life for as long as I have, I have never turned down a handshake, until now. It's a small gesture but it goes a long way in these current times. By taking personal responsibility, you are not only protecting yourself, you are protecting your family, loved ones, friends, and ultimately our community.

We must also be mindful to look out for one another, especially our seniors and individuals with underlying health conditions. This could be a simple phone call or text to a loved one or friend to make sure everything is okay or if they need some help. Our webpage newtecumseth.ca/COVID19 is a place, where you can access many resources for business and individuals and other support programs offered in our community.

We launched the New Tec Connects program to adapt to these changing times and needs within our community, and to support the evolving needs of our residents and our community as we work through this difficult time. The New Tec Connects program now includes virtual fitness and activities, to focus on opportunities for families and individuals to interact virtually. Visit the Town of New Tecumseth's YouTube channel and our [Virtual Recreation playlist](#) and be sure to subscribe and check back often as new online programming is being added regularly.

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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