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STATEMENT FROM NEW TECUMSETH MAYOR, RICK MILNE

With an abundance of caution during this unprecedented time due to the COVID-19 global pandemic we have made the decision to cancel the 2020 New Tecumseth Mayor's Charity Rodeo. This very special community event is held annually, in support of youth in our community.

Community building is a labour of love. The Town of New Tecumseth is fortunate to have residents and business leaders who care deeply about creating a prosperous community for everyone. Our outstanding quality of life is possible thanks to our many advantages that have shaped where we have come from while still maintaining our small-town character as we continually support our rural, urban and agricultural heritages. Our community spirit is strong, it has truly been heartwarming.

New Tecumseth continues to have one of the lowest percentages of direct contact and community spread cases among municipalities, in Simcoe County. That speaks to the robust measures we have taken as a municipality, and to our collective efforts as a community; however, this is not the time to back down in the fight against COVID-19. We are in this for the long haul. Protocols must remain in place to ensure the safety and protection of everyone and to help reduce the stress on our healthcare system. The decision to cancel the Mayor's Charity Rodeo reflects the ongoing concern for community safety.

In times of crisis, we come together, and together we will rise again as a community. These are some of the lessons our mothers have taught us that truly reflect what it means to be part of a community. Sunday May 10 is Mother's Day, whether adoptive, biological, or foster, mothers share an unbreakable bond with their children. Mother's Day gives us an opportunity to celebrate these extraordinary caretakers, mentors, and providers who have helped to shape us into who we are.

Happy Mother's Day!



Rick Milne, Mayor
Town of New Tecumseth

