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OPERATIONAL IMPACTS

Province's Stage 1 of the Framework for Reopening:

In response to the Provincial announcement, the Town of New Tecumseth has begun the process of reopening and readying a number of local outdoor recreational amenities for public use, but not permitting including:

- Beeton off-leash dog park
- Tennis courts in Alliston, Beeton and Tottenham
- Outdoor picnic areas, benches and shelters *these areas are not sanitized*
- Skateboard parks *these areas are not sanitized*
- Basketball courts * team sports are not permitted*
- Soccer fields *team sports are not permitted* Please note Gaston Park will not reopen.
- Baseball diamonds *team sports are not permitted* Please note Coventry Park will not reopen.
- Disc golf at the Tottenham Conservation Area
- The New Tecumseth Public Library are exploring options for curbside pick-up of library materials. More details to come from the New Tecumseth Public Library.

As per the Province's orders, individuals are NOT permitted to play team sports, such as soccer or baseball even on fields intended for this purpose unless they are members of the same household.

Residents must continue to follow all health directives including maintaining safe physical distancing of at least two metres (six feet) apart from others - as per the Provincial Order. This includes no congregating and adhering to all COVID-19 Public Health and Provincial regulations regarding gathering of people. Please ensure you practice frequent hand washing and/or sanitizing and stay home when you are not feeling well.

As per the Province of Ontario's Emergency Order under the Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act, the Town's recreation centres, arenas, Museum on the Boyne, Banting Homestead and outdoor recreation amenities including splash pads, playgrounds, outdoor exercise equipment and other recreational amenities remain closed - as per the Province's direction. These closures will be revisited pending potential future changes in the current Provincial closure and health directives.

The Tottenham Conservation Area (TCA) remains closed for campers and events this season. However, it is open to the public for daytime use only. Vehicle parking is available from the entrance of the TCA up to the gatehouse. Facilities and public washrooms remain closed. The space can be used for walking, exercise and picnics - however, we strongly remind residents to respect physical distancing while using the space and our parking areas. Please note, swimming is NOT allowed at the Tottenham Conservation Area.

Also, as per the Province's announcement, construction on all Town projects will now be able to resume including the Tottenham Library construction project. The Town continues to review updates from the Ontario government to assess their local impact, as well as the time needed to safely implement any reopenings.

CUSTOMER SERVICE UPDATES

Burn Ban: Partial lifting of the burn ban in New Tecumseth to allow for agricultural burn permits and the use of Outdoor Wood Burning Appliances (OWBA – which includes chimineas) who have already been issued the required one time permit ONLY.

Requests for additional OWBA applications will be processed and coordinated via email at fire@newtecumseth.ca or contact the Fire Administration Office at 705-435-3900 ext.1425

Interim Property Taxes / Water & Wastewater Billings: We have taken financial relief measures to help our residents who need some additional time to make payments. Please note that the following payment dates have been extended:

The second tax bill installment originally due April 30, 2020, is **now due on May 29, 2020**

Alliston water bill originally due on May 15th, 2020, is **now due on June 15th, 2020**

Interest and penalties will not be added as a result of these due dates being extended.

New Tec Connects Food Drive: Thank you to everyone who donated non-perishable food and/or monetary donations during the May 16 food drives held by the New Tecumseth Fire Rescue throughout our community. In total, 1,365 pounds of food and \$4,022.75 was collected. All donations collected will be distributed the two foodbanks in New Tecumseth serving those in need within the community.

Trails and open spaces: Trails and other open green spaces remain available for residents to use responsibly and while practicing safe physical distancing and all health-related directives. Users of open spaces and trails are asked to park vehicles in designated places, being respectful and cautious to not block roadways and/or private property.

Virtual recreation, fitness and activities: Check out our virtual fitness and activities component of our New Tec Connects program which focuses on opportunities for families and individuals to interact virtually. These activities can be viewed on the Town's

website <https://www.newtecumseth.ca/en/living-in-our-community/new-tec-connects-program.aspx>.

Please visit the Town of New Tecumseth's YouTube channel and our [Virtual Recreation playlist](#)

CONTACT US:

You can continue to do business with the Town on our website at www.newtecumseth.ca, or by phone at 705-435-3900 or 905-729-0057 (Monday through Friday 8:30am to 4:30pm) or by email at info@newtecumseth.ca. For recreation related questions, please call our Parks, Recreation and Culture team at 705-435-4030 ext. 1500 or 905-936-4203 ext. 1621 or by email recreation@newtecumseth.ca. For the most up-to-date impacts and information on Town services, subscribe to our webpage at www.newtecumseth.ca/COVID19.

KEY MESSAGES

Health tips: The Public Health Agency of Canada and World Health Organization recommend that you:

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after using the washroom or blowing your nose, coughing or sneezing; before preparing food; or after you

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have been in a public place. You can use hand sanitizer with at least 60 per cent alcohol if soap and water are not available.

- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces daily including: toys, toilets, phones, electronics, door handles, bedside tables television remotes, light switches, countertops, desks, faucets and sinks.

New symptoms to watch for • The Ministry of Health added a number of new symptoms to the list of possible COVID links: pink eye (atypical), vomiting and abdominal pain, diarrhea, excessive sneezing, a hoarse voice and difficulty swallowing. The expanded list helps to cast a larger net and offers a better sense of the spread of the virus within the community. The Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit advises that people should be monitoring their health and if you have even one or two of the symptoms you should be screened. The SMDHU have a [self-assessment tool](#) on its [website](#) and a list of assessment centres and hours on its COVID-19 page.

Physical distancing: Together, we can slow the spread of COVID-19 by making a conscious effort to keep a physical distance between each other. Physical distancing is proven to be one of the most effective ways to reduce the spread of illness during an outbreak. Stay home, if you can. Limit your contact with others and avoid non-essential trips in the community - it's the best way to practice physical distancing. While you may not feel sick, we ask that you be mindful of those more vulnerable in our community. With patience and cooperation, we can all do our part.

Please visit the Town's website at www.newtecumseth.ca/COVID19 for the latest local information and be sure to subscribe to the page to automatically receive updates.

ENFORCEMENT DETAILS

New Tecumseth By-law Enforcement Officers are assisting the Nottawasaga OPP to enforce the Province's COVID-19 Orders by doing proactive patrols and partnering with the OPP to educate residents and working with the Nottawasaga OPP where Police intervention may be warranted. Charges may be laid for violations of the Province's Orders in two ways. People not abiding by the Provincial Orders may receive a ticket with a set fine between \$750 to \$1000 dollars per charge. Alternatively, Officers may lay a charge by way of a summons in which case the fine and penalties are potentially more severe, ranging from up to \$100,000 for individuals, \$500,000 for Directors or Officers of a corporation and up to \$10,000,000 for a corporation. In addition, offenders may be subject to up to one-year imprisonment.

Date	Number of Questions or Concerns Received (Email/Phone)	Number of Education Occurrences (times Officer spoke to public during patrols*).	Number of Charges Issued Pt.1 or Pt.3	Number of Warnings Issued
March 30 th - April 8 th By-law	24	10	0	0

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March 30 th - April 8 th OPP	6	3 ^{**}	0	2
April 9 th -15 th By-law	3	12	0	0
April 9 th -15 th OPP	5	5 ^{**}	0	0
April 16 th -19 th By-law	4	7	0	0
April 16 th -19 th OPP	9	9 ^{**}	0	4
April 20 th – 22 nd By-law	7	1	0	0
April 20 th – 22 nd OPP	6	6 ^{**}	1	2
April 23 rd – 26 th By-law	8	1	0	0
April 23 rd – 26 th OPP ^{***}	5	9 ^{**}	0	2
April 27 th – 29 th By-law	5	1	0	0
April 27 th – 29 th OPP ^{***}	2	3 ^{**}	0	2
April 30 th – May 3 rd By-law	16	0	0	0
April 30 th – May 3 rd OPP ^{***}	2	5 ^{**}	0	5
May 4 th – May 5 th By-law	4	2	0	0
May 4 th – May 5 th OPP ^{***}	2	1 ^{**}	0	0
May 6 th – May 10 By-law	6	2	0	0
May 6 th – May 10 OPP ^{***}	3 ^{****}	1 ^{**}	0	0
May 11 th – May 12 By-law	4	0	0	0

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May 11 th – May 12 OPP***	1	6**	0	0
May 11 th – May 17 By-law	5	2	0	0
May 11 th – May 17 OPP***	2	3	0	1
TOTALS	129	89	1	18

*By-law Patrols are occurring 7 days/week 9am-4pm approximately. ** This number only represents the total number of OPP patrols conducted.*** OPP Officers have been instructed to patrol grocery stores to increase Community/visible presence. **** 2 of these 3 calls have been related to the opening of a non-essential business.

RECOVERY PLANNING FOR TOWN OPERATIONS

The Town continues planning the next phase of its response including recovery and re-establishment of services.

RELIABLE SOURCES OF INFORMATION

[Town of New Tecumseth](#)

For up to date information, visit newtecumseth.ca/COVID19

The Town's **Economic Development Office** is gathering important information and resources to assist local businesses and their employees in responding to the economic impacts of COVID-19.

[County of Simcoe](#)

For COVID19 service updates, visit simcoe.ca/Coronavirus

[Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit](#)

For the most up-to-date local information, visit the [Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit website](#).

[Stevenson Memorial Hospital](#)

For the latest news from Stevenson Memorial Hospital, please visit their website at: <http://www.stevensonhospital.ca/index.html>

[Province of Ontario](#)

The Province of **Ontario's Action Plan** will provide **support for people and businesses** through tax credits and deferrals to improve their cash flow, **protecting jobs and household budgets**, while providing the resources necessary to protect their health.

[Government of Canada](#)

The Government of **Canada's COVID-19 Economic Response Plan** includes a wide range of measures to **support for Canadian individuals and families** who are facing financial hardship as a result of the pandemic.