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OPERATIONAL IMPACTS

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 until at least June 9, 2020 - as per the Province's direction.

CUSTOMER SERVICE UPDATES

Burn Ban lifted - Requests for all Open-Air Burn permits are now being accepted. These requests are being processed and coordinated via email at fire@newtecumseth.ca. For more information, please contact the Fire Administration Office at 705-435-3900 ext.1425.

Business Supports Update: The Town's Economic Development Office (EDO) is gathering important information and resources to assist local businesses and their employees in responding to the economic impacts of COVID-19. Visit our [Support for Businesses](#) page and use the subscribe function to receive automatic notifications any time the page is updated.

- **Regional Relief and Recovery Fund:** Through the Regional Relief and Recovery Fund (RRRF), our partners at Nottawasaga Futures are providing support to eligible small businesses that have been unable to access other federal relief programs with interest-free loans of up to \$40,000. [Learn more about the RRRF](#).
- **Nottawasaga Futures Free Business Consulting Program:** The EDO supports the [free business consulting program](#) offered by Nottawasaga Futures to provide assistance to local business owners. In addition to supports for business planning, financials, and accounting, businesses can access help in applying for funding programs being offered by the federal government and establishing or enhancing their online presence and digital capabilities.
- **Digital Main Street and Beyond:** Business owners can also access support in achieving digital transformation through the County of Simcoe's [Digital Main Street and Beyond](#) program. Eligible businesses can receive digital supports and up to 10 hours of free one-on-one coaching from a Digital Service Squad that will work with the business to establish or enhance their web presence by activating free and easy to use tools such as Shopify, Google My Business, and social media.

Public washrooms within our parks: As the Town of New Tecumseth has begun opening a number of local outdoor recreational amenities for public and individual use (no team or group use), we are preparing and planning to open public washrooms in a number of our parks within the next couple of weeks. In order to meet public health guidelines, in some instances, some washroom facilities need to have automatic fixtures installed. We are working towards making these changes.

COVID-19 UPDATE

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

Assessment: 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 and health tips: 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, avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands and stay home when you are not feeling well.

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
March 30 th - April 8 th OPP	6	3**	0	2

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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
May 11 th – May 12 OPP***	1	6**	0	0

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May 11 th – May 17 By-law	5	2	0	0
May 11 th – May 17 OPP***	2	3**	0	1
May 18 th – May 20 By-law	3	1	0	0
May 18 th – May 20 OPP***	0	0	0	0
May 21 th – May 24 By-law	6	5*****	0	0
May 21 th – May 24 OPP***	3	1	0	0
May 25 th – May 27 By-law	6	1	0	0
May 25 th – May 27 OPP***	0	0	0	0
May 28 th – May 31 By-law	6	0	0	0
May 28 th – May 31 OPP***	1	1	0	0
TOTALS	154	98	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. We have further extended our facility closures to the public and the majority of its employees of the Town Administration Centre (including the Building Department) and the Joint Operations Centre until at least start of business on **July 6, 2020**. The Town's Emergency Control Group continues to plan and review when and how additional staff will be able to safely return to their office work spaces and the safety measures/logistics that would be put in place.

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.