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**OPERATIONAL IMPACTS**

While the tremendous progress we have made to contain the spread of COVID-19 in New Tecumseth is encouraging, it is still not business as usual. Everyone is encouraged to be responsible and continue to follow public health advice, including physical distancing of at least 2.0 metres (6 feet), frequent hand washing and staying home when ill.

**Province's Stage 2 of the Framework for Reopening:**

Following the Province's announcement of Stage 2 of its re-opening framework, we are now looking to ramp up our staffing levels to be able to now provide some additional services for the summer months. We are working towards the following:

- Opening the splash pads for July and August with all health directives and guidelines in place.
- Parks staff will begin preparing fields for use in July. This includes soccer and baseball fields for outdoor team sports for training only and with no games or scrimmages. Physical distancing of at least 2 metres, and all health protocols must be practiced by all users at all times. It is the responsibility of all permit holders to ensure health protocols and guidelines are followed. Requests for booking space will now be received through [rentals@newtecumseth.ca](mailto:rentals@newtecumseth.ca).
- The Tottenham Conservation Area will now open to campers for July and August. And, given the provincial health directives, washroom facilities will be opened, however, shower facilities will not be.
- Those wishing to swim and use the beach area at the Tottenham Conservation Area are now permitted to do so.
- We also introducing a Temporary Restaurant Patio Program for the summer of 2020. As an added measure of support to local restaurant owners in their recovery from the economic impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, Town fees associated with participating in the program will be waived for the 2020 patio season. For more information about the Temporary Restaurant Patio Program, visit the Town's Support for Businesses webpage at [www.newtecumseth.ca/SupportForBusiness](http://www.newtecumseth.ca/SupportForBusiness).
- All recreation centres and the Museum on the Boyne remain closed to the public.
- All playgrounds, play structures and outdoor fitness equipment also remains closed.

While the tremendous progress we have made to contain the spread of COVID-19 is encouraging, it is not quite business as usual. While the Province has announced that day camps and outdoor pools may be able to proceed, the guidelines for operating these camps and pools safely are extensive. With the latest guidelines provided by the Ontario Government as well as the Lifesaving Society and paired with the recommendations from Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit, the Town

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has decided that the procedures and preparations that need to be in place to ensure a safe and operational camp and swimming pool experience is not feasible at this time.

In order to protect the health and wellbeing of our community, visitors, users and staff, the following difficult decisions had to be made:

- The 2020 Summer Day Camp Program has been cancelled.
- The Outdoor Rotary Pool will not be opened this season.

All users of any and all permitted outdoor recreation amenities, must follow all health protocols which include maintaining safe physical distancing of at least 2 metres, wash and/or sanitize hands frequently and staying home when ill.

## CUSTOMER SERVICE UPDATES

### CONTACT US:

You can continue to do business with the Town on our website at [www.newtecumseth.ca](http://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](mailto: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](mailto:recreation@newtecumseth.ca). For the most up-to-date impacts and information on Town services, subscribe to our webpage at [www.newtecumseth.ca/COVID19](http://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](http://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.

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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 By-law	3	0	0	0
March OPP	0	0**	0	0
April By-law	64	32	0	0
April OPP***	35	35**	1	17
May By-law	40	13****	0	0
May OPP	12	18**	0	1
June 1-3 By-law	9	0	0	0
June 1-3 OPP	5	2**	0	1
June 4-7 By-law	3	0	0	0
June 4-7 OPP	0	0	0	0
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>171</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>19</b>

\*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. Town facilities remain closed to the public and the majority of 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](http://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](https://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.