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OPERATIONAL IMPACTS

Business Supports Update:

The Town's Economic Development Office is working with industry and business development partners from throughout the region to identify important information and resources to assist local businesses and their employees in responding to the economic impact of COVID-19.

- **Temporary Restaurant Patios Program**

The Town's Temporary Restaurant Patios Program is providing restaurant owners with an opportunity to take advantage of the summer weather and establish temporary outdoor patios to assist in their recovery from the economic impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic and to take advantage of the summer weather to offer outdoor dining space to their customers. Find the application package and a guidance from the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit on the Town's [Support for Businesses](#) webpage.

- **shopHERE powered by Google**

We're bringing Digital Main Street's *ShopHERE powered by Google* to New Tecumseth to support our main street small businesses and local artists.

ShopHERE gives independent businesses and artists hands on support to create their own online storefront. Business owners can sign up at digitalmainstreet.ca/shophere for free support to create and launch their own online store.

- **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 Town 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.

- **Develop Your COVID-19 Workplace Safety Plan**

The Province of Ontario is releasing safety guidelines to protect workers, customers, and the general public from COVID-19 as it gradually reopens the provincial economy. Business owners can find [resources](#) to prevent COVID-19 in the workplace and develop their [COVID-19 workplace safety plan](#).

For the latest information on support and recovery resources for businesses and the workforce, visit our [Support for Businesses](#) webpage. Be sure to subscribe to the page to receive automatic notifications any time updates are made.

Shop Local, Eat Local, Support Local. Make It New Tec!

CUSTOMER SERVICE UPDATES

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

Stevenson Memorial Hospital (SMH) Assessment Centre hours of operation: (effective Wednesday, July 8, 2020) : Stevenson Memorial Hospital (SMH) will be adjusting the hours of operation of their COVID-19 Assessment Centre in their lower parking lot (staff/shipping & receiving entrance). The Centre runs three times a week on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 3-7 p.m. As of Wednesday, July 8, the Centre's hours will change to 8 a.m.-12 p.m. SMH's COVID-19 Assessment Centre is a drive-thru operation and appointments are not necessary.

Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit: Has issued mandatory use of face coverings in all indoor public settings in New Tecumseth.

This afternoon (July 7), our Chief Medical Officer of Health for the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit, Dr. Charles Gardiner announced that wearing a face covering in indoor public settings within Simcoe County and the Town of New Tecumseth will be mandatory, effective Monday, July 13, 2020. Public indoor spaces include grocery stores, community centre, shopping mall, hair salon, library, place of worship etc.

A face covering means a medical or non-medical mask or other face covering such as a bandana that covers the mouth and nose.

As per Dr. Gardiner under regulation O. Reg 263/20 s.4(2) of the Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act R.S.O. 1990, as follows:

The person responsible for a business or organization that is open shall operate the business or organization in compliance with the advice, recommendations and instructions of public health officials, including any advice, recommendations or instructions on physical distancing, cleaning or disinfecting.

The SMDHU has sent notification to area businesses and organizations as well as to the media and posted on their website.

COVID-19 UPDATE

The SMDHU and the Town will be taking an educative and supportive approach in enforcing the mandatory requirement for wearing a face covering, however our Municipal Law Enforcement Officers as well as the Nottawasaga OPP do have the authority to enforce through fines, if required.

For more information and details, everyone is encouraged to visit the SMDHU's website at: <http://www.simcoemuskokahealth.org/Topics/COVID-19#a5a16119-5363-4543-961e-ff9510827460>

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 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 By-law	40	0	0	0
June OPP	9	4**	0	1
July 1-5 By-law	2	0	0	0
July 1-5 OPP	Data Not Available			
Totals	205	102	1	19

*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 13, 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.