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**OPERATIONAL IMPACTS**

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**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.

COVID-19 UPDATE

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			
July 6-12 By-law	3	0	0	0
July 6-12	Data Not Available			
July 13-19 By-law	4	2	0	0
July 13-19 OPP	Data Not Available			
<b>Totals</b>	<b>212</b>	<b>104</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

As the Province announced its Stage 3 reopening plan, the Town is continuing to work through the details of how the announcement impacts Town services. The Town will reopen its buildings, facilities, and recreation centres in a phased approach.

The Town is currently in **Phase One** of its recovery plan which includes:

- Bookings are now being taken for all outdoor sports fields with the single restriction of Field 1 at Coventry Park in Tottenham due to a lighting project being completed. Individuals and groups can book through email at [rentals@newtecumseth.ca](mailto:rentals@newtecumseth.ca) or call the Town.
- Bookings are being taken for all indoor and outdoor events up to the Province's limits on the

number of people allowed (currently 50 for indoor for the entire facility and 100 for outdoor). However, users are required to submit their plans on how their booking will specifically meet all COVID-19 health protocols.

- The majority of our playgrounds reopened on July 17. Riverdale Park and John W. Taylor in Alliston as well as Potter and McKnight in Tottenham require work and repairs and are anticipated to be open this week. Users are reminded that playground equipment is NOT sanitized and users of all our outdoor recreation amenities must follow all public health directives including maintaining physical distancing of at least 2 metres, washing and/or sanitizing hands frequently and staying home when ill.

**Phase Two** of our recovery plan for our Parks, Recreation and Culture services will include the following openings as of **Tues., August 4:**

- The Museum on the Boyne will reopen to the public by appointment only.
- Our recreation centres will open for limited use and revised hours.
- The New Tecumseth Recreation Centre will see the field house open for bookings and walking track use.
- The 54+ centre will also be permitted to reopen.
- The Alliston Memorial Arena and the Beeton Memorial Arena will open for floor and hall rentals.
- The Tottenham Community and Fitness Centre will open for bookings and drop in use of the gymnasium floor and the walking track will reopen. The fitness centre/the gym at the Tottenham Community & Fitness Centre will reopen however drop-in use will not be permitted and members will need to book a time slot to use the equipment either online or by phone. When performing physical exertion, masks may be removed as required.
- Due to the restrictive size of the fitness centre at the New Tecumseth Recreation Centre and the challenges associated with being able to ensure safe physical distancing of users, the gym at the NTRC will remain closed for the time being. However, all New Tecumseth fitness memberships can be used at the Tottenham Community & Fitness Centre.
- The Town Administration Centre, (including the Building Department) and the Joint Operations Centre will open to the public by appointment only starting Mon., August 10, 2020. (Examples of services that would require an appointment include discussing a project, application or permit with our building or planning departments, marriage license pick-up and freedom of information pick up of documents). Where possible, residents are encouraged to continue to use online options whenever possible to promote safety and efficiency.

When reopened to the public, masks or face coverings will be required upon entry to all Town buildings/facilities and recreation centres and while moving throughout buildings.

Users of all our indoor and outdoor spaces must continue to follow all the public health guidelines for

COVID-19 including maintaining physical distancing of at least 2 metres, washing and/or sanitizing hands frequently and staying home when ill. Signage to remind users will be placed throughout our buildings.

**Phase Three** of our recovery plan will include looking at:

- The process of preparing the ice surfaces in our arenas which typically starts near the end of August.
- Looking at re-establishing fitness classes with reduced numbers.

## 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](http://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.