

NEWS & NOTES

BY MAYOR TED WALKER & COUNCIL

First things first, I hope this message finds you well, safe and healthy. The last four weeks have been trying times for our community and there is a ways to go before we are through this. By following the advice of our public health professionals, keeping our physical distance from each other and staying home as much as possible, I know that we can get through this together, while apart, stronger than ever.

While the Township office has been closed to the public since March 19, and Township staff have been separated as much as possible to prevent the spread of COVID-19 amongst staff working to provide essential services, staff do remain available to assist you over the phone at 705-534-7248 during regular business hours as well as by email. Visit our contact page at tay.ca/contact for staff contact info.

As you may know, recreation programming was suspended on March 13 as a precaution, and since then, following the advice of public health professionals and orders by the Province of Ontario, other Township public facilities and amenities have been closed to prevent the spread of COVID-19. At present, all Township buildings are closed to the public. As well, playgrounds and park amenities, including gazebos and washroom facilities, are closed. The public boat launch in Victoria Harbour is also closed until further notice.

While it is important for all of us to stay home as much as possible at this time, it is also important for us to each take care of our health. If you need to get out for exercise, or to walk a pet, you must maintain physical distancing from others that you do not live with. If travelling through the open spaces of one of our parks please show courtesy to others by keeping your physical distance - it is the law. Also remember that dogs are to be on a leash at all times when out in the community.

Also remember that physical distancing does not mean that we have to be socially disconnected. Please check in on your friends, family and other loved ones, by phone, email, text or video chat. If you can help out vulnerable family or friends by making deliveries to their homes, please do so. Remember that our children are affected by this, too, and give them the time and understanding they need.

If you or someone you know is in need of community services, 211 Ontario's community navigators (<https://211ontario.ca/> or call 2-1-1) can help you find and get connected with the help you need - whether it is grocery delivery, financial assistance, or someone to talk to during these stressful times.

For information about business assistance please visit the [County of Simcoe Economic Development Office's website](#) and the [Economic Development Corporation of North Simcoe's website](#).

Council Calendar

Meetings will be held by conference call or video conference during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Visit tay.ca/COVID-19 for information about public access to Council proceedings.

View the meeting schedule and agendas at tay.ca/calendar.

Regular Council

April 22 at 7 p.m.

Council Advisory Committee Meetings

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, all Council Advisory Committee meetings have been cancelled until further notice.

COVID-19 Resources

tay.ca/COVID-19

Visit tay.ca/COVID-19 for the latest information about impacts to Tay Township

For information about the Canada Emergency Response Benefit, for those who are now without employment or self-employment income visit [Service Canada's website](#).

For information about COVID-19 visit the [Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit's website](#).

For the latest information about COVID-19 impacts to Tay Township municipal services and for links to some additional useful info visit our COVID-19 webpage at [tay.ca/COVID-19](#).

Stay Safe. Stay Healthy. Stay Home.

Stay connected with Tay! Find out about upcoming Council meetings at [tay.ca/calendar](#), subscribe to receive Township news at [tay.ca/subscribe](#), view and submit community events at [tay.ca/events](#), and follow us on Twitter [@TayTownship](#).

Ted Walker is Mayor of Tay Township. Contact him at [twalker@tay.ca](#).

Tay Township COVID-19 Impacts to Services & Information

For the latest information about COVID-19 impacts to Tay Township municipal services and for links to related information resources visit our COVID-19 webpage at [tay.ca/COVID-19](#).

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Late Fees & Interest waived for bills due after March 16

Late fees and interest will not be charged until after May 1, 2020 for any tax, water or receivable account bills due after March 16, 2020.

Council intends to consider extending the May 1 date at their April 22 Council meeting. Check our COVID-19 webpage at [tay.ca/COVID-19](#) for updates to this policy.

Reporting Violations of Provincial Orders

Violations of [orders made by the Province of Ontario under the Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act](#) should be directed to the [Ontario Provincial Police](#) for follow up.

municipal services and links to COVID-19 resources and information.

COVID-19 Public Health Information

[Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit](#)

[Public Health Ontario](#)

[Public Health Canada](#)

Telehealth Ontario: 1-866-797-0000

Mental Health

Adults: [ConnexOntario](#) at 1-866-531-2600

Kids: [Kids Help Phone](#) at 1-800-668-6868

Post-Secondary Students: [Good2Talk](#) at 1-866-925-5454

County of Simcoe

For information about COVID-19 impacts to County of Simcoe services, [visit the County of Simcoe COVID-19 webpage](#).

Business Support

Visit the [County of Simcoe Economic Development Office website](#) and the [Economic Development Corporation of North Simcoe website](#) for information and links to COVID-19 related business support.

Personal Resources

[Canada Emergency Response Benefit](#)

[211 Ontario](#)

Common concerns are **gatherings of more than 5 people** or the operation of **non-essential businesses** (remote working is permitted).

You can **report violations online** or call 1-888-310-1122.

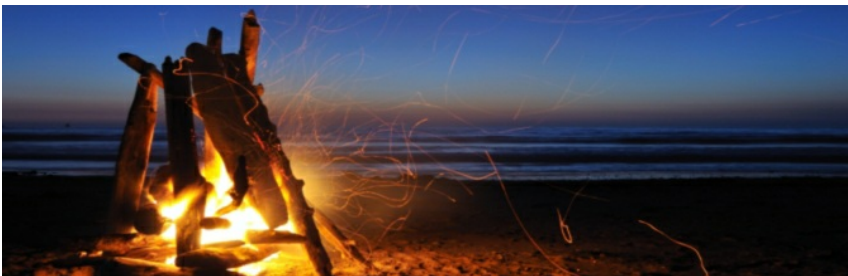
For emergencies call 9-1-1.

Boat Launch, Playgrounds and Park Amenities Closed

On the advice of public health officials, and in accordance with orders issued by the Province of Ontario, Tay Township has closed all outdoor park amenities including washrooms, gazebos, playgrounds and the Victoria Harbour boat launch.

Open spaces in parks remain open at this time, however residents are reminded to practice physical distancing with anyone that they do not live with. Physical distancing is required by Ontario law during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Fire Permits Available Online



Spend some time in your backyard with your family, but not your friends and neighbours. Get your 2020 Fire Permit online at tay.ca/FirePermits

Tay Township does not fall under the Provincial Fire Ban order for Northern Ontario. At the present time there is no fire ban in effect in Tay Township. Visit tay.ca/FirePermits for the latest fire hazard rating.

Building Permits and Inspections

Applications are being accepted online at this time, but zoning certificates and building permits will only be issued for construction projects that are permitted by the Provincial Emergency Order to start at this time. Permits will be issued as soon as is permitted by the Province of Ontario.

Email planning@tay.ca to submit a **planning application**.
Email building@tay.ca to submit a **building application**.

**Southern Georgian Bay
Chamber of Commerce List
of What's Open**

**Tourism Simcoe County
List of Businesses Offering
Delivery**

**County of Simcoe's Letters
to Seniors: Pen Pal
Program**

**Culture Alliance: Online
Culture Festival**

Building inspections will be conducted under limited conditions. Contact the building division at 705-534-7248 x220 or building@tay.ca for advice specific to your situation BEFORE PROCEEDING WITH WORK.

Simcoe County Collects App

Need a reminder about which waste stream gets collected each week? The County of Simcoe has a super simple app for iPhone & Android that you can install and setup in a minute or two. Just install and enter your address to get reminders about what to put out and updates about any weather delays.

Go to Simcoe.ca/WasteReminder or look for the free *Simcoe County Collects* app in the Apple App Store or Google Play.



Week 1
Garbage & Organics Collection



Week 2
Recycling & Organics Collection

For more information about waste collection visit Simcoe.ca/CollectionsChange or contact Service Simcoe at 1-800-263-3199.

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