

# NEWS & NOTES

BY MAYOR TED WALKER & COUNCIL

First, on behalf of myself and Council, I hope this message finds you well, safe and healthy. The last nearly two months have seen many changes in our lives and I am proud to see so many in our community supporting each other as we all do our part to get through this together.

An important part of our community is our seasonal residents, many of whom spend 6 or more months a year with us in our wonderful part of the world. Earlier, in April, Council asked seasonal residents to follow the advice of Premier Ford and the Chief Medical Officer of Health to refrain from visiting seasonal residences and to stay at their primary residence. The Township and Council are relying on the health experts at the Province, as the level of government with the expertise and responsibility for health matters, to provide the best advice for Ontario and our community. Recently, on May 7, Premier Ford advised Ontarians that his "message to people is if you have to go to the cottage and check on things bring your own supplies and just follow the rules. There is going to be many more weekends that you can go up there and have a good time but right now please just respect the rules."

Following the guidance of the Province, and with the official start to the cottage season nearly upon us, the Township expects to welcome back a number of our seasonal residents soon. We ask those residents, like we ask all other residents, to continue to follow the advice and emergency order regulations imposed by the Province, in particular to maintain physical distancing and to **not have gatherings of more than 5 people who do not normally live together as a household**. This applies to gatherings at a cottage or any other home. Please also be aware that the **Province has prohibited short-term rentals** (like Airbnb) if they were booked after April 4.

Now in May, with the nicer weather upon us, don't forget to get out of the house and enjoy a walk around your neighbourhood or one of Tay's spacious parks. While park amenities are closed, the parks themselves are open - just keep your distance from others.

If you'd prefer to stay inside, Council recently switched to **holding meetings by video and telephone conference** to keep the business of the Township going. If you'd like to tune in, visit [tay.ca/calendar](http://tay.ca/calendar) for a list of upcoming meetings and the details of how to connect.

## Council Calendar

Meetings will be held by video and telephone conference during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Visit [tay.ca/Meetings](http://tay.ca/Meetings) for details on how to connect to the video conference or how to call-in to listen by telephone.

View the meeting schedule and agendas at [tay.ca/calendar](http://tay.ca/calendar).

### Committee of All Council

**May 13 at 1 p.m.**

### Land Use Planning Application Public Meetings

**May 27 at 6:30 p.m.**

- **1994 Wood Road**
- **3282 Ogdens Beach Road**

### Regular Council

**May 27 at 7 p.m.**

### Council Advisory Committee

### Meetings

Due to the COVID-19





April 22, 2020 Regular Council Meeting by Video Conference

Finally, while the municipal office is currently closed, staff are available by telephone and online to provide many of the services that you would normally be able to get in person. Give them a shout at 705-534-7248 or visit our contact page at [tay.ca/contact](http://tay.ca/contact) - they're eager and happy to help.

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](http://tay.ca/COVID-19).

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

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

## Get Prepared, Take A Selfie, Enter to Win an Off-Grid Radio

Tay Fire and Emergency Services celebrated Emergency Preparedness Week by kicking off a **contest to win one of two off-grid AM/FM radios for your 72-hour emergency preparedness kit**.

"We want our residents to be as prepared as possible for an emergency all year round," says Fire Chief Brian Thomas. "With everyone staying at home during the COVID-19 pandemic, now is a great opportunity to learn about and teach your children and other loved ones about the importance of being prepared for an emergency."

Between now and May 31, 2020, build a kit, take a selfie, and get a chance to win.

For details on how to prepare for an emergency, visit: [www.emergencymanagementontario.ca/english/beprepared/beprepared.html](http://www.emergencymanagementontario.ca/english/beprepared/beprepared.html)

To enter our contest for a chance to win one of two off-grid AM/FM radios for part of your emergency kit, residents must build a 72-hour emergency kit; take a selfie picture of themselves with their kit; share it on Twitter and tag @TayTownship while using the hashtag #PrepareYourSelfie. Parents are encouraged to have their children participate in Making a Plan, Building a Kit, Staying Informed and entering the contest.

Residents can also enter by emailing their photo to [meverson@tay.ca](mailto:meverson@tay.ca). The contest closes on May 31, 2020.

pandemic, all Council Advisory Committee meetings have been cancelled until further notice.

## COVID-19 Resources

[tay.ca/COVID-19](http://tay.ca/COVID-19)

Visit [tay.ca/COVID-19](http://tay.ca/COVID-19) for the latest information about impacts to Tay Township 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](#)

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# Candlelight Tribute to Celebrate Veterans and Active Military Personnel

May 13, 2020 would have been the Candlelight Tribute at the Midland Cenotaph, organized by the [Georgian Bay Leos](#) organization. This special celebration would have marked the 75th Anniversary of the liberation of the Netherlands and celebrates all our military veterans and currently serving personnel. In honour of this special event, the Georgian Bay Leos are asking everyone to:

- On or before May 13th place a paper candle cut-out in the window. Please come up with your own support message. For example, "we love our veterans" or "thanks to all our military personnel and veterans)".
- Before May 13th please post on your personal social media and any other social media that you might be responsible for about the event and have people share so that we can get our community to support the event.
- On May 13th please post to social media with a photo of your window and a support message for our military personnel and veterans.

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## Looking for Something? 2-1-1 Can Help!

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.

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## Need Assistance for Your Business?

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](#).

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## Looking for CERB or other Personal Financial Assistance?

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

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## Get COVID-19 Information from the Health Experts

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

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## Tax Township COVID-19 Impacts to

[Corporation of North Simcoe website](#) for information and links to COVID-19 related business support.

### Personal Resources

[Canada Emergency Response Benefit](#)

[211 Ontario](#)

[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](#)

# 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](http://tay.ca/COVID-19).

Staff are available to assist you by email and telephone at 705-534-7248 during regular business hours. Visit [tay.ca/contact](http://tay.ca/contact) for staff contact information.

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## Late Fees & Interest waived for bills due after March 16

To assist anyone who is not able to make payments at this time, late fees and interest will not be charged until after July 31, 2020 for any bills due after March 16, 2020.

Check our COVID-19 webpage at [tay.ca/COVID-19](http://tay.ca/COVID-19) for updates to this policy.

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## 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.

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.

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## 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.

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## 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](http://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](http://tay.ca/FirePermits) for the latest fire hazard rating.

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## 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](mailto:planning@tay.ca) to submit a **planning application**.

Email [building@tay.ca](mailto:building@tay.ca) to submit a **building application**.

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

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## 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](http://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](http://Simcoe.ca/CollectionsChange) or contact Service Simcoe at 1-800-263-3199.

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