



Town of Collingwood Weekly Town Page



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TOWN CONTINUING TO DELIVER CRITICAL & ESSENTIAL SERVICES

Through the COVID-19 pandemic, the Town of Collingwood has worked hard to safeguard the best interests of the community while continuing to deliver critical and essential services, including fire services, drinking water and wastewater treatment, enforcement of priority by-laws, and essential front counter customer services (online and over the phone).

With the arrival of Spring in Collingwood, the Town's work continues and residents will see Public Works and Parks, Recreation, and Culture staff carrying out a number of essential services that deliver on public safety, protect and preserve community assets, fulfill regulatory obligations, and lay the groundwork for phasing back in full services when the Province of Ontario lifts the emergency regulations and health guidelines.

Roads & Sidewalks

- Street and sidewalk sweeping creates safe streets for bicycles and vehicles
- Road patching improves safety by filling potholes, managing drainage, and repairing washouts and drop-offs.
- Sign maintenance creates safe streets and maximizes infrastructure lifespans.
- Boulevard repairs will remove sand and salt, repair surfaces, and protect town infrastructure.

Parks & Trails

- Trails maintenance will ensure safety through resurfacing and washout repair.
- Garbage removal from trails and downtown keeps our community clean and enhances public health.
- Mutt Mitt containers will be maintained for public health. Please continue clean up after your dog.
- Grass maintenance and sport field maintenance will protect the Town's assets from weeds, pests, and costly deterioration.
- Garden refurbishment will protect the assets and remove winter toxins. New planting will occur, if possible, when Provincial regulations are lifted.
- Hazardous weeds will be removed or sprayed according to maintenance standards.
- Tree hazards will be removed for safety and to protect assets. New planting will occur in the Fall, if Provincial regulations have been lifted by that time.

Water & Wastewater

- Storm sewer protection manages environmental effects including air quality.
- Hydrant flushing preserves infrastructure and safety systems.
- Flushing sanitary systems protects public health and preserves Town infrastructure.

Town staff will continue to follow health guidelines and exercise physical distancing while carrying out these essential services in our community. Residents are asked to keep their distance and respect physical distancing to ensure safety and help limit the spread of COVID-19. Thank you residents for observing and respecting all signage, barricades, and closures related to essential services work and public safety measures.

The Town's departments continue to deliver municipal services virtually and are just a phone call or email away. Visit www.collingwood.ca for all Town information and notices. Public engagement continues to be available to all residents, stakeholders, and businesses. The Town welcomes input, inquiries, and feedback and can always be reached for Customer Service at townhall@collingwood.ca, 705-445-1030 (8:30 AM to 4:30 PM), or www.collingwood.ca/contactus



Collingwood's COVID-19

BUSINESS RECOVERY RESOURCES

www.collingwood.ca/recovery



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HEALTH INFORMATION

Stay home as much as possible

- Limit the number of people you come in contact with and stay at home unless you have to go to work (talk to your employer about working at home if possible).
- Individuals over the age of 70 or those with compromised immune systems or underlying medical conditions are strongly urged to stay at home.
- Avoid all non-essential trips into your community. If you leave your home, always keep a distance of at least 2 metres or 6 feet from others.
- Avoid heading to your cottage or seasonal residence. These communities have more limited healthcare services than the city.

Practise physical distancing

- Physical distancing means keeping 2 metres or 6 feet between you and another person, unless they are members of your household.
- Do not gather in groups.
- Limit contact with people at higher risk (e.g. older adults and those in poor health).
- Everyone should do their best to avoid close contact with people outside of their immediate families.
- Find new ways to connect with others and practice self-care during this time. Take care of yourself and each other.

Practise proper hygiene

- Wash your hands with soap and water for at least 15 seconds or use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.
- Sneeze and cough into your sleeve.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth

Go for a walk/exercise if you can

- Only if you are not showing symptoms or have not been diagnosed with COVID-19.
- Have not travelled outside of Canada in the past 14 days.
- Do not congregate and always practise physical distancing by keeping at least two metres apart from others at all times.

Learn more at www.simcoemuskokahealth.org



Help is just a phone call away. 211 connects people to services available in the community.

Please call 211 if you are in need of help.

The 2-1-1 Helpline is available 24/7 in 150 languages.

THANK YOU FRONT-LINE HEROES

COLLINGWOOD SUPPORTS YOU

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MUNICIPAL RELIEF MEASURES

Collingwood Council has approved COVID-19 Relief Measures that will support residents and businesses through these uncertain times.

- waiving municipal tax penalty and interest charges for March, April, and May, and waiving water and wastewater penalty and interest charges for 90 days.
- EPCOR is offering electricity bill reductions for lower income customers and also off-peak electricity rates 24/7 through this crisis.
- Economic Support and Recovery Task Force in motion for Collingwood's economy.
- transit cash fares and pass taps are not required so to maintain physical distancing.
- free virtual programming on RallyPoint and Collingwood Public Library Facebook.

Learn more about these relief measures at www.collingwood.ca/covid



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Council Corner

Council: May 19, 2020

Council: May 25, 2020

All Council and Standing Committee meetings are held by Videoconference or webinar at 1:30 p.m. on the dates listed above, unless otherwise noted. All Council and Standing committee meetings are livestreamed. For more information please visit: <https://collingwood.civicweb.net/portal/>

Anyone wishing to address Standing Committee or Council regarding municipal business can contact clerk@collingwood.ca. Details regarding participating at Standing Committees that doesn't require pre-registration will be identified on the respective standing committee agenda.

Employment

Seasonal Hiring on Hold

As you are aware, the COVID-19 pandemic is having impacts around the world. Normally at this time of year, we look forward to our Seasonal employees joining our team and performing work that helps to make Collingwood an incredible place to live, work, and play.

Unfortunately, due to COVID-19 we have been forced to put our seasonal hiring on hold until we know when the season will begin.

We thank everyone interested in joining the Town of Collingwood team and look forward to working together in the future.

Fire Safety Reminder



Check your Smoke & CO Alarms. With families spending more time at home together, it's a good reminder to check your Smoke & CO Alarms at home. Make sure they operate properly. Stay home, stay safe, stay healthy!
#makenoiseathome



Public Engagement

Help Shape Your Community!

The Town is seeking applicants for the new
Trails & Active Transportation Advisory Committee

Applicants should represent skill sets and/or interest in the following areas: trails, trail maintenance, biking (or other form of active transportation), walkability, accessibility, people orientated design, or design of multi-use trail and bike routes; and must be eligible to vote in the Town of Collingwood.

For applications and more information please visit collingwood.civicweb.net/Portal/BoardApplication or clerk@collingwood.ca or 705-445-1030

Applications must be submitted no later than Monday, May 18, 2020 at 4:00 p.m.



Library Programs

**TECH TIME
WITH GORDON**



thursdays at 1pm

ON THE CPL FACEBOOK PAGE

collingwoodpubliclibrary.ca

online kids stuff!

STORY TIME
SINGALONG
CRAFTS
CODING
AND MORE!

follow us on facebook!

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Notices

FIREWORKS BY-LAW IN EFFECT

No fireworks are allowed on public property without approval and permit by the Chief Fire Official.

Fireworks are only allowed on Victoria Day, Canada Day, New Years Eve, and the three days before and after those dates.

Please exercise fire safety and physical distancing.

See the full Fireworks Bylaw at www.collingwood.ca



FISHING IN COLLINGWOOD

Fishing regulations fall under the jurisdiction of the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry. The Ministry of Natural Resources has not made any decisions to restrict, delay, or cancel provincial fishing and hunting seasons or restrict access to Crown land.

The Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry can be reached at 1-800-667-1940

Please exercise caution on all shorelines and waterfront trails in the Town of Collingwood. Recent high water levels and storm debris have created conditions that leave the shoreline prone to damage, slides, sinkholes, and flooding. Please stay clear and please observe and respect any signage, barricades, or park and municipal land closures that are in place.

Parks and trails that remain open in Collingwood are for pass-through use only while physical distancing and are not available for congregation or gathering.

Municipal By-law Enforcement Officers and the OPP patrol the community to ensure that Provincial

emergency restrictions are followed. The Town of Collingwood By-law Enforcement Division expects all residents to follow the health and physical distancing guidelines laid out by the Province and the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit to ensure the safety of everyone. This includes staying 2 metres from other people, not gathering in groups to fish, and not entering into closed municipal parks.

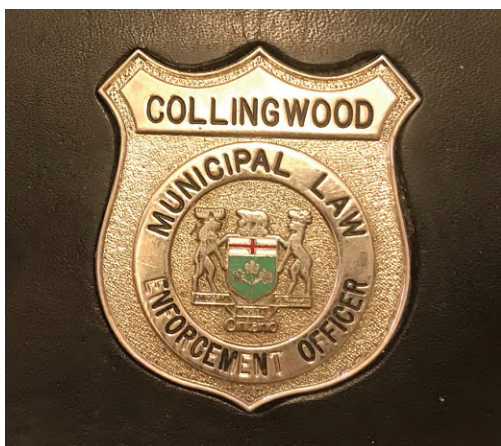
The public is thanked for their patience and understanding, and for continuing to stay home, self-isolate, and exercise physical distancing so to limit the spread of COVID-19.



HAVE A NEIGHBOURHOOD CONCERN?

Reach out to Collingwood's By-Law Enforcement Officers to report By-Law Violations like noise, property issues, parking, animal control, etc.

Email bylaw@collingwood.ca, call 705-445-1030 ext. 3256, or fill out an Online Complaint Form at www.collingwood.ca



NOXIOUS WEEDS

The main purpose of the Weed Control Act R.S.O. 1990, is to reduce the impact of noxious weeds on the industries or agriculture and horticulture. Primarily this act applies to agricultural and horticultural lands that generate income or other benefits to agriculture; this excludes lawns, gardens and private areas for personal enjoyment and leisure.

Under the Weed Control Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter W.5 sections 3, 13, 16 and 23, you are requested to destroy all noxious weeds on your property.

In Urban Areas

Section 3, 13, 16 and 18 do not apply to noxious weeds or weed seeds that are far enough away from any land used for agricultural or horticultural purposes, as they do not interfere with that use.

All properties within the municipality of Collingwood are hereby requested to be in compliance with the Weed Control Act.

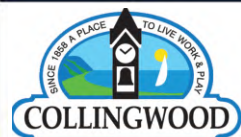
LONG GRASS, GARBAGE, DEBRIS & STANDING WATER

Pursuant to the provisions of the Town of Collingwood By-laws 03-18, 03-19 and 03-38, all owners, tenants or persons in possession of property shall:

1. Cut and maintain properties free of long grass and weeds;
2. Keep and maintain properties free and clear of garbage, refuse and debris; and
3. Keep and maintain properties free from standing and/or stagnant water.

Failure to comply with the provisions of By-laws 03-18, 03-19 and 03-38 may result in the prosecution of those persons through the Provincial Offences Act, R.S.O. 1990, c.P33 as amended.

The cooperation of all owners, tenants or persons in possession of property is solicited.



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