



Town of Collingwood Weekly Town Page



Thursday, May 21, 2020

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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Collingwood's COVID-19 BUSINESS RECOVERY RESOURCES

www.collingwood.ca/recovery



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Council Corner

Council: May 25, 2020

Corporate & Community Services: June 1, 2020

Strategic Initiatives: June 3, 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

Current Employment Opportunities:

• **Treasurer (Full-Time)** - Apply by June 8, 2020
Visit www.collingwood.ca for opportunities and full descriptions.

Seasonal Hiring on Hold

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.

Notice

Temporary Road Closure

Please be advised that there will be a temporary road closure at Raglan Street and Matthew Way from Monday, May 25, 2020 – Friday, May 29, 2020 for sanitary sewer service.

Museum Program



Collecting for Collingwood: COVID-19

We want to hear from you!
Submit your experiences at
collingwood.ca/museum

the COLLINGWOOD
MUSEUM

Library Programs

online adult programs

Wednesdays

Knitters meet @ 1pm, every 1st & 3rd

Thursdays

Chair yoga @ 10:30am • **Tech Time with Gordon** @ 1pm
on Facebook

BYO Book Club meets monthly @ 2pm

Fridays

French conversation @ 12 noon

email lcrossan@collingwood.ca to register

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The ABC's of Poetry:

A workshop for
the committed,
confounded & the
curious

*Hosted by poet
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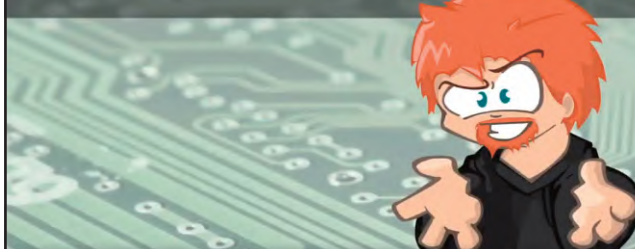


Thursday May 28, 7 to 8:30 online
Register via collingwood.ca/rallypoint



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TECH TIME WITH GORDON



thursdays at 1pm

ON THE CPL FACEBOOK PAGE

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online kids stuff!

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Notices

Re-opening Buildings and Your Water System

The following ONLY applies if no one has been using the water in a building for at least 3-4 days

What You Need To Know

When buildings are closed or are on low occupancy for any prolonged period, water in the building becomes stagnant and can pose serious health risks. Harmful microbiological and chemical contaminants can grow or leach into the water supply.

The effect of such stagnation will vary between each building based on factors such as length of the shutdown, size of the building, number of occupants, complexity of the system, integrity of the plumbing, and maintenance performed during the shutdown.

While municipal utilities are responsible to get clean, safe drinking water to each property, it is **the responsibility of each property owner** to ensure they maintain the safety of that water within their building.

How Does This Happen

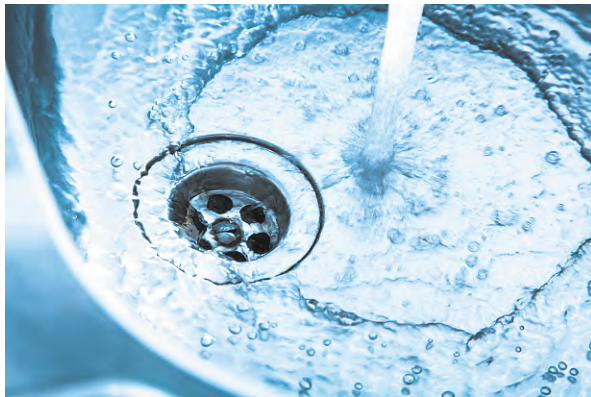
When a building is not in use and its water system is not actively maintained, the water becomes stagnant within the pipes, equipment, and any storage tanks. The disinfectant residual decays and disappears, hot water systems can become cooler and cold water systems can become warm. This can lead to the growth of bacteria, lead and copper leaching and the accumulation of harmful disinfection by-products.

Since many facilities have shut their doors over the last few weeks and have been mostly vacant, we are reminding you to get your water running!

We are encouraging residents and business owners to follow the guidelines provided in the checklist only **if no one has been using the water for at least 3-4 days**. What this does is flush your internal plumbing system, as the water has sat in your pipes for longer than normal. Similar to how

the Water Department flushes hydrants to clean out water mains, now is the time for you to flush your own system.

Please contact Water Services if you have any questions at water@collingwood.ca and 705-445-1581



CHECKLIST: Re-Opening Buildings

Map or sketch your entire water system

- o Identify zones and include all treatment equipment, pumps, valves, tanks, etc.
- o List all outlets/fixtures such as taps, fountains, showers, etc.
- o Be sure to include any connected food units like ice or coffee makers

Flush your entire system

- o Start where the water enters the building and work from closest to furthest, closest zone to furthest zone, closest outlet to furthest outlet
- o Flush at full force by opening the tap fully (remove the aerator filter or shower head)
- o Flushing requirements vary but run the water until the water maintains a constant cold temperature and the disinfectant (like chlorine) is detected
- o Staff should wear appropriate PPE (gloves, mask, eye cover) while flushing

Hot Water

- o Flush your cold water system first then your hot water system
- o Hot water should be maintained at a temperature over 50°C throughout the system. So the hot water lines need to be flushed and it is highly recommended that, if at all possible, you should drain your hot water tanks and refill
- o Then flush the system from closest to furthest from the tank

Cleaning

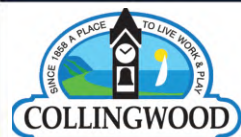
- o Clean, disinfect and rinse all outlets, screens etc.

Shocking your system

- o Shock chlorination may only need to be considered if you have a large system with isolated branches, storage tanks, or you still detect issues after flushing
- o Such system shocking should be conducted by a water treatment professional

Testing

- o For smaller buildings, after flushing, you should be able to feel a consistent cold temperature and even detect disinfectant (such as chlorine by smell)
- o For larger buildings and any building serving vulnerable populations, professional testing is highly recommended
- o Testing for disinfectant residual - simple equipment and/or testing services are available from local water treatment companies, plumbers and pool professionals
- o Testing for microbial diseases - for complex systems, buildings serving vulnerable populations, or any with a history of contaminations (like Legionella) - these issues are often related to water in HVAC systems. There are products and testing services available - check with your local water treatment company, health unit or utility service for referral



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