



COVID-19 Pandemic Newsletter # 1

As your elected Council we wanted to let every resident know what North Kawartha Township is doing to assist our Community during the COVID-19 global pandemic. North Kawartha fully supports all the directives, orders and guidelines from the Federal and Provincial governments. All Canadians need to: stay home, avoid non-essential trips, practice physical distancing, not gather in groups over five (5) persons and practice good hygiene. If you must travel it is recommended that you bring all necessary supplies with you and that you self-isolate for 14 days. If you are returning from outside the country you are required to register with the Federal Government and quarantine for 14 days.

Ontario has declared a provincial State of Emergency which has been extended to May 12, 2020. The Province has also ordered the closing of many businesses including marinas, trailer parks, resorts and restaurants (open for take-out), provincial parks and all recreational facilities along with educational institutions. The following are some of the changes happening in North Kawartha as a result of this pandemic.

- All Township facilities including Libraries, Community Centres and Municipal Office are closed to the public. Staff are available to assist all ratepayers by phone and email.
- The North Kawartha Health Care Centre has suspended all non-vital visits. Dr. Hasson's family practice is unable to accommodate any visitors at this time.
- Municipal transfer stations remain open subject to the rules regarding gathering and physical distancing. Currently we are **not** accepting waste organics, textiles or re-use depot items. Curbside pick-up currently permits two (2) bags without tags and an additional two (2) bags with tags per week.
- All Beaches, Parks, Playgrounds, Tennis Court, and Recreational Amenities where the public may gather are closed.
- There is a complete fire ban in North Kawartha per the MNRF restricted fire zone declaration. No outdoor fires, this includes all burning, including grass, debris and campfires, even when using an outdoor fire grate, fire place or fire pit.
- Municipal Boat Launches remain open for accessibility and emergency purposes.
- Council has waived all penalty and interest charges on tax payments for April, May, June and July.
- The Building Department has launched our online permitting program to support our planning building permit process.
- Council continues to conduct township business via electronic meetings and all meetings are available for viewing on North Kawartha's YouTube channel.
- Businesses deemed essential in our Community have taken steps to protect themselves and the public and have implemented curbside pick-up and delivery services.
- Many specials events, festivals, parades and sporting activities have been postponed and/or cancelled for the summer.
- Seasonal water testing courier services is paused. Water bottle testing kits will be made available for pick up Monday to Friday 9:00 am - 4:30 pm, at the North Kawartha Municipal Office. Please call 705-656-4445 for more info.
- The annual Dog Tags are available through the Township by calling 705-656-4445 ext. 232.

This information has been provided as a Municipal resource regarding COVID-19, and is not designed to be an all-inclusive listing of all the latest available information.

For more Municipal information contact: <https://www.northkawartha.ca/covid-19>, 705-656-4445 ext. 232

For Peterborough Public Health Information contact: <https://www.peterboroughpublichealth.ca>, 705-743-1000

For more Provincial information contact: <https://covid-19.ontario.ca/>, 1-866-797-0000 (Telehealth)

For more Federal information contact: <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/diseases/2019-novel-coronavirus-infection.html>, 1-833-784-4397 or 1-800-622-6232