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Hastings Highlands COVID-19 Recovery Plan- Phase 2

Maynooth, ON – We are excited to announce Hastings Highlands COVID-19 Recovery Plan - Phase 2. This plan will be reviewed on a regular basis and adaptations may be made in accordance with regulations and direction from the Province of Ontario and Public Health Officials. This plan will work in conjunction with the municipality's COVID-19 Business Continuity Plan and COVID-19 Recovery Plan – Phase 1 and will guide municipal operations should the community be faced with additional waves of the virus.

PHASE 2 – June 23 to July 31, 2020

Following the guidance of Provincial Health information and orders, the Municipality of Hastings Highlands will extend the closure of all public facilities and the cancellation of programs and events until **July 31, 2020**.

More specifically, the municipality's swim program for summer 2020 as well as the municipality's **household hazardous waste day** scheduled for July 18, 2020 have both been **cancelled**. The October 17, 2020 household hazardous waste day may have extended hours to accommodate the July 18, 2020 event being cancelled.

All municipal buildings, facilities, playground structures, community centres and picnic shelters will be closed until **July 31, 2020**.

Access to Provincial beaches is permitted.

Additionally, outdoor recreational spaces including baseball diamonds and soccer fields will be open for public use but not available for rentals. These spaces will not permit the use of any organized recreational leagues. **NOTE** - No outdoor furniture i.e. picnic tables or waste containers will be available for use. Public washrooms will not be open for use at this time. The Municipality encourages all social and physical distancing guidelines as outlined by the Province of Ontario.

Hastings Highlands Public Library

The Hastings Highlands Centre remains closed until **July 31, 2020**, however the library is offering curbside pickup. Please see the Hastings Highlands Public Library website for more details <https://www.hastingshighlandslibrary.ca/>.



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Hastings Highlands Meetings

Hastings Highlands Council meetings will continue to be held by teleconference at least until the provincial government has lifted the emergency declarations and/or gatherings of more than 30 people in a public space are permitted.

The public is encouraged to provide their input regarding agenda items during the 'Public Input' section of the agenda. This can be done by way of email to the Clerk at shuschilt@hastingshighlands.ca or to the Planning Clerk at cbujas@hastingshighlands.ca if it is a planning matter. This input will be read during the meeting or inserted into the agenda and republished, dependent on when it is received.

Department Administration

For department specific information about service delivery during Phase 2 of our COVID-19 Recovery Plan, please visit our separate COVID-19 information page on the homepage of the municipality's website at www.hastingshighlands.ca. This page is the municipality's source of credible information that is available in one location to website guests.

Conclusion

As new actions are taken by other levels of government and new information surfaces, the Recovery Plan will be modified accordingly. The protection and the health and safety for staff and our community remains paramount and has guided all decisions made in this incremental phased approved to the municipality's recovery plan.

Hastings Highlands continues to use corporate social media as a vehicle to disseminate the municipality's COVID-19 planning and communications information to followers.

The Municipality will continue to provide services to support the community via telephone and email, wherever possible. Municipal staff are available to help by calling (613) 338-2811 or emailing info@hastingshighlands.ca.

We will continue to provide updates to assist with keeping everyone informed.

- Vic A. Bodnar, Mayor of Hastings Highlands

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