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Hastings Highlands COVID-19 Recovery Plan- Phase 3

Maynooth, ON – We are excited to announce Hastings Highlands COVID-19 Recovery Plan - Phase 3. This plan focuses on the municipality's efforts towards the recovery and transition to what will be the new normal operating environment for the delivery of municipal services.

PHASE 3 – Effective August 6, 2020

The Municipal Office (33011 Highway 62 North, Maynooth)

The Municipal Office will be open to the public by appointment only and only on select weekdays to start, until we are confident in the new protocols and procedures.

Playground Structures and Picnic Shelters

Playground structures will be open following the lead of the provincial government and provincial health guidelines.

Picnic shelters will open only when it is safe to do so, following the lead of the provincial government.

Beaches and Boat Launches

Access to Provincial beaches is permitted. The Municipal owned boat launch site that is in Baptiste Village is open, operational and the dock onsite has been installed.

Outdoor Recreation Spaces

Outdoor recreational spaces including baseball diamonds, soccer fields and outdoor rinks will be open for public use but not available for rentals. These spaces will not permit the use of any organized recreational leagues until provincial orders begin to ease.

*** Public washrooms at outdoor recreation spaces in the municipality will begin to reopen when it is safe to do so, and sanitary measures will comply with public health guidelines. Minimal outdoor furniture i.e. picnic tables or waste containers will be available for use at this time and may begin to be added when it is safe to do so.



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Hastings Highlands Meetings

Hastings Highlands Council meetings will continue to be held by teleconference and may include in-person meetings for members if it is safe to do so. Council Committee meetings will start up as we begin to implement Phase 3.

During times where space does not allow the public to attend due to COVID-19 safe space and distancing protocols, meetings will be livestreamed and recorded. When permitted and safe to do so, the public will be welcomed to attend the Hastings Highlands Centre to participate in meetings again

Programs and Events

Following the guidance of Provincial Health information and orders, the Municipality of Hastings Highlands will extend the cancellation of programs and events until the Province begins to ease restrictions on groups and meeting crowds.

Community Centres

All municipal community centres will remain closed until further notice.

Hastings Highlands Public Library

Please visit the Hastings Highlands Public Library website for information
<https://www.hastingshighlandslibrary.ca/>

Conclusion

The Municipality of Hastings Highlands has created a separate COVID-19 information page on the homepage of the municipality's website www.hastingshighlands.ca. This page is the municipality's source of credible information that is available in one location.

We are working on finalizing the Hastings Highlands COVID-19 Staff and Public Protocols and Procedures Manual. This manual will be an education tool for municipal staff as well as members of the public. It will be available after August 6, 2020 in hard copy to all staff and public (upon request) and will also be available on the municipality's website.

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

- Vic A. Bodnar, Mayor of Hastings Highlands

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