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# DIGITAL GOVERNMENT

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## AMO-BEACON Partnership – Further Information

In response to interest about [the news release](#) announcing AMO's partnership with BEACON, a digital mental health Service Provider, the following information is being provided to help further inform members on the BEACON platform.

The AMO-BEACON partnership enables municipalities of all sizes to access digital mental health therapy for employees and their families at competitive pricing negotiated by AMO.

On March 26, AMO and BEACON hosted a [webinar](#) introducing the partnership and explaining how the program works.

To learn more, please contact the BEACON team directly:

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Additionally, BEACON is launching **Stronger Minds**, a free digital program that can be accessed by all Canadians.

**Stronger Minds by BEACON** is designed to help individuals stay resilient during this time when things feel anything but normal. The program is responsive to rapidly changing times, with BEACON psychologists addressing diverse topics expressed as being important to Canadian's including: Nurturing kids, How to have better sleep, Acceptance and mindfulness, and Building resilience during unprecedented times.

**Stronger Minds is available now.** You can visit [www.mindbeacon.com/strongerminds](http://www.mindbeacon.com/strongerminds) to learn more.

### About AMO

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of Ontario and Canada's political system.

### About BEACON

BEACON is developed and operated by the MindBeacon Group. MindBeacon is committed to revolutionizing the access and delivery of evidence-based mental and behavioural health services. Since launching in 2017, BEACON has helped thousands of Canadians struggling with mental health concerns become empowered to live to their fullest potential.

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### An Electronic Signing Platform for Municipalities

As the COVID-19 state of emergency extends the experience of working remotely, it's important that municipal governments are able to continue the daily business of council and administration. That means signing important documents.

AMO's digital and electronic signature partner, Notarius, is scaling its e-signing solution ConsignO Cloud to AMO members with its Business 5 plan. This solution is available to members for free for 60 days. Now anyone can easily, legally and reliably sign a document electronically while guaranteeing that the practice of physical distancing continues.

Please watch our webinar for further details.

In 2017, after a competitive RFP process, AMO secured Notarius as our preferred partner of digital and electronic signing solutions. AMO and Notarius piloted digital and electronic signing solutions with six members of varying capacity, population and geography. All pilots successfully implemented and used the solutions to streamline municipal signature processes.

For more information about Notarius and its Business 5 promotion, contact Marc St-Jacques, Vice-President of Sales and Marketing, [marc.stjacques@notarius.com](mailto:marc.stjacques@notarius.com), or 1-888-588-0011 x1280.

For more information about the AMO-Notarius partnership, please contact Nicholas Ruder, Research Advisor, AMO Enterprise Centre and LAS at [nruder@amo.on.ca](mailto:nruder@amo.on.ca), or (416) 971-9856 x411.

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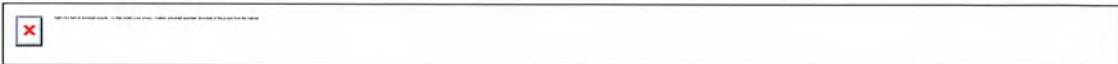
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**Financial Support and Programming for Durham  
Businesses: [investdurham.ca/CovidResponse](http://investdurham.ca/CovidResponse)**

**Message from Regional Chair  
and CEO, John Henry  
April 2020**

On Tuesday, March 24, John Henry, Regional Chair and Chief Executive Officer declared a state of emergency in Durham Region. Read the [full statement](#) on our website and [learn more](#) about what this means to our community.

To review the latest information for Durham Region residents about programs and funding, please visit [durham.ca/CommunityResources](http://durham.ca/CommunityResources).



**Stay active while staying safe**

Social distancing is hard—we're all learning together how to best manage our mental health during this crisis. The World Health Organization has some suggestions for how to stay active while staying a safe distance from others.

- Find an exercise video online, dance to music, do some yoga, or walk up and down the stairs.



- Take a break from sitting, being sure to get up and stretch your legs every 30 minutes.
- Check in on friends and family via phone or video chat.
- Take a screen break! Listen to music, play a game, or read a book.

We will be sharing local businesses that offer home delivery or web-based services on our social media channels. Follow us on Durham Tourism's [Instagram](#), [Facebook](#), and [Twitter](#) accounts for the latest updates.



## Flying Squirrel partners with Socrates Learning Platform

As families continue to evaluate how to keep their children safe and healthy while still learning, [Flying Squirrel](#) Indoor Trampoline Park in Whitby has partnered with the [Socrates Learning Platform](#) to provide a learning platform for kids to use at home while schools are closed. All Flying Squirrel Sports customers can [sign up](#) to receive 90 days free on Socrates.



## #DurhamProud of local sport community

Sport and recreation facilities are temporarily closed and a number of sport events have been cancelled, but many of our local sport organizations, partners and residents in the sport industry are doing their part to keep our spirits up and to support the community.

The [Pickering Football Club](#), [FC Durham Academy](#), [Ajax Soccer Club](#) and [Oshawa Kicks Soccer Club](#) have been posting challenges and videos to encourage their members and followers to stay active. Durham's soccer community was even featured in a [Global TV Durham](#) story. And, last week, Pickering FC promoted a Kindness Challenge to show gratitude to COVID-19 front-line workers in our community and around the world.

Coach Eric from [Whitby Lightning Girls Softball](#) issued a skills challenge to players and coaches to keep the love softball alive during social distancing. [Ajax Baseball](#) shared a workout put together by Rep Minor Coach James on their Facebook page to encourage followers to keep working on their baseball skills.

[Whitby Minor Hockey](#) encouraged their followers to support local business.

With NHL games cancelled, Town of Ajax resident and Toronto Maple Leafs announcer [Mike Ross](#) has offered a chance for fans to experience their name being called as 1<sup>st</sup> Star of a game or scoring a goal as a Maple Leaf.

Our partners at [Abilities Centre](#) are working hard to take care of their employees and respond to the needs of their members and the community. As [President and CEO, Stuart](#)



McReynolds said last week, "in the face of the challenges of our global situation today, there has never been a more important time for us and our partners to stand together to remove barriers for people with disabilities to navigate this crisis."

We look forward to sharing more stories in the days and weeks ahead. We know there are lots more out there. Thank you to our local sport community for making us #DurhamProud!



## Farm fresh products and meats available



Durham has an abundance of high-quality food grown in the region, with products ranging from beef and lamb; to honey and cider and, fresh fruit and vegetables.

Invest Durham has launched a local food resource page on [investdurham.ca/LocalFood](http://investdurham.ca/LocalFood) that contains information about farms offering no-contact access to local food and food products during the COVID-19 pandemic.



## Support local restaurants by ordering in!

Supporting local restaurants by ordering for home delivery or take-out is a great way to support local. There are so many great restaurants. Here are just a few to try!

- [Buster Rhino's](#) in Whitby is offering delivery.
- [Berry Hill Food Co.](#) in Oshawa is offering a daily take-out menu.
- [Three Six Kitchen](#) in Bowmanville is offering take-out and frozen dinners.
- [Eat My Shortbread](#) in Oshawa is offering home delivery.
- [The Toasted Walnut](#) has local delivery or curbside pick-up available.
- [Kb food](#) in Whitby has daily go-to family meals for pick-up and delivery.
- [Halenda's](#) is selling freezer packs of meat with store pick-up.
- [Country Cheese Company](#) in Ajax is offering local delivery.
- [Bella Notte](#) in Whitby has takeout and curbside pick-up available.
- [Marwan's Global Bistro](#) in Port Perry is offering delivery and takeout.



## Let's show how #DurhamStrong we really are

While we continue to navigate COVID-19 and the impacts it has on our everyday lives, it's



important to keep our mental health a priority and spread a little positivity. You may have noticed friends and family posting photos of how they're practicing social distancing and doing their part to help flatten the curve. We're encouraging residents to share your sidewalk chalk art, decorative window displays and positive messages with the community using #DurhamStrong.

Join the conversation by sharing a photo or message on our [#DurhamStrong Twitter post](#) and [#DurhamStrong Facebook post](#). Help us share a little positivity and kindness during these difficult times.



For unique trip ideas or to plan your perfect day, visit [DurhamTourism.ca](http://DurhamTourism.ca), or call 1-800-413-0017. If this information is required in an accessible format, contact [Durham Tourism](#).

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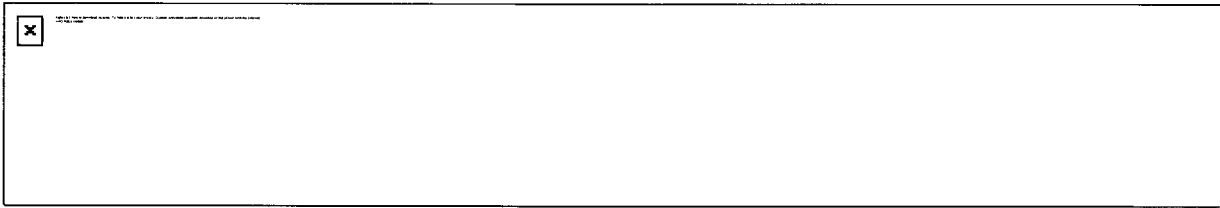
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April 3, 2020

## Ontario Releases COVID-19 Projections and New Emergency Orders

Ontario released its official COVID-19 projections that the provincial government is using to respond to the pandemic. The assumptions are stark; however, they also suggest that distancing measures and other actions taken, including those managed by municipal governments across the province, have been effective to manage the virus' spread.

Ontario has tracked 3,255 cases up to April 2, 2020 and 67 deaths with mortality rates being significantly higher in older age groups, particularly those over 80 years old. The projections suggest Ontario may have between 3,000 – 15,000 deaths over the course of the current outbreak if current and new measures are adhered to by all the public. The modelling suggests that this is significantly better than the 100,000 deaths which could have been experienced if no actions were taken to contain COVID-19.

Current effective containment measures include school closures, physical/social distancing, self-isolation, limited public gatherings, closing of non-essential workplaces and parks and recreational areas. The briefing suggests that future measures under consideration may include enhanced enforcement, physical distancing guideline updates, better support for elderly, homeless and vulnerable populations, and potential entry restrictions in certain communities, in addition to recently announced additional workplace closings.

The briefing also noted that projections for Intensive Care Unit (ICU) beds show that there are a current 410 beds available with a further 900 able to be brought on stream



relatively quickly. Ontario's modelling assumes that suppression measures will ensure that current and new ICU beds will adequate to demand.

### **New Orders Under the *Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act* (EMCPA)**

Ontario revised its [list](#) of essential services today. The order shuts down all non-essential services not included on the list. These include private, commercial and institutional construction sites – exempting critical health care sector, transportation, petrochemicals and refinery projects – starting on Saturday, April 4, 2020 at 11:59 p.m. Shops and services not deemed essential are able to go online.

Operation or delivery of services of any publicly funded agency or organization that delivers or supports government operations or services are not affected. Essential municipal services such as water, sewer, transit, critical infrastructure repair and maintenance, including roads and bridges, are explicitly named.

On April 2nd, the provincial government [announced](#) that it was making an [order](#) to allow Public Health Units (PHUs) to more flexibly manage staff redeployments within the unit and to more easily allow units to access volunteer medical students and retired health care workers on the Province's volunteer list. The order supersedes any negotiated collective agreements. It should be noted that there may some potential that redeployed municipal workers affected by the current shutdown/ working from home directives could also be included in this redeployment – subject to PHU needs.

Orders made under the EMCPA are for 14 days and may be renewed for a subsequent 14-day period at a time.

AMO's COVID-19 Resources page is being updated continually so you can find critical information in one place. Please send any of your municipally related pandemic questions to [covid19@amo.on.ca](mailto:covid19@amo.on.ca).

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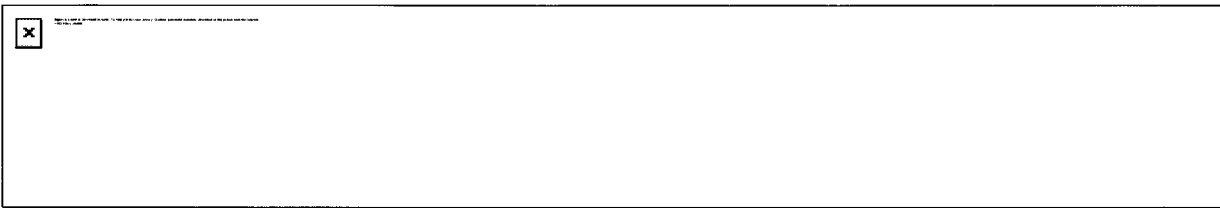
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April 3, 2020

## AMO COVID-19 Update Week Three

As week-three of the COVID-19 state of emergency concludes, AMO is working hard to assist its member municipal governments in every part of the province. It has been a difficult week in communities everywhere, with many important developments here in Ontario.

Since the onset of COVID-19 situation, AMO has been working in partnership with the Government of Ontario to support rapid changes in provincial policies that are responding to public health and other needs of our communities. We have been supported in this work by many extraordinary municipal public servants in your communities and the professional associations to which they belong. The developments, policy changes and emergency orders have been relayed to members on a near daily basis but there is much more work to be done, and many important matters that will require collaboration in the weeks and months ahead.

Last week, Ontario delivered a fiscal and economic statement that provided important financial measures as part of a comprehensive provincial response to COVID-19. AMO applauded the measures that affect municipalities as an important first step in dealing with financial and other pressures facing municipal government. AMO will continue to work with members and the province to ensure immediate and longer term municipal fiscal pressures are in focus.

Last Friday, the AMO Board held its March Board meeting virtually. The business conducted included a discussion about what the organization has been doing to assist members, and what more can be done to ensure municipalities have the resources and tools they need to respond to the COVID-19 emergency, to manage through it



effectively, and to support the economic recovery that will follow. The AMO Board and staff are committed to doing everything possible to support members at this critically important time.

The Board also recognized the remarkable leadership demonstrated by Ontario municipalities from councils to front-line workers in responding to the COVID-19 emergency. The municipal response reflects outstanding leadership, effective emergency planning, the critically important role of municipalities in public health and emergency health services, and the important role of a wide array of municipal services that support healthy, safe communities, and businesses large and small.

Thank you for the work you are doing under difficult circumstances.

We are keeping our [COVID-19](#) webpage current and focusing on what's most relevant.

AMO's dedicated COVID-19 email account will manage your questions, take your ideas, and facilitate your feedback. AMO's policy and member services teams look forward to hearing from you at [covid19@amo.on.ca](mailto:covid19@amo.on.ca).

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April 2, 2020

**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Board of Health Chairs  
Medical Officers of Health  
President, Association of Local Public Health Agencies

**RE:** Emergency Order to Support Public Health Units with Human Resource Capacity

The government has enacted a new Emergency Order (EO) under Section 7.0.2 (4) of the *Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act* (EMCPA) to enhance public health human resources capacity specific to COVID-19. This order is valid for 14 days unless revoked or renewed in accordance with the EMCPA.

The temporary EO gives boards of health the authority and flexibility to make human resource decisions as necessary to respond to, prevent, and alleviate the outbreak of COVID-19, despite any collective agreements in place.

The order includes authority for measures such as: redeploying staff within different locations of the public health unit; employing extra part-time staff, other temporary staff, or contractors, including for the purposes of performing bargaining unit work; and using volunteers to perform work, including to perform bargaining unit work.

The EO can be found here:

- EN: <https://www.ontario.ca/laws/regulation/r20116>
- FR: <https://www.ontario.ca/fr/lois/reglement/r20116>

The order is intended to support adequate resourcing of public health units to respond to COVID-19, by expanding capacity urgently to implement critical public health functions, such as case and contact management.

As the emergency measures in question may involve the temporary suspension of terms set out in your collective agreements, I strongly recommend that you engage in good faith with your bargaining agents in conjunction with the measures. If feasible, engagement could



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include advance notice to and consultation with bargaining agents. If advance notice and/or consultation is not feasible in your particular circumstances, bargaining agents should be provided with notice upon adoption of the measures and should be informed that you seek to maintain a dialogue with them for their input and feedback with respect to the measures for your consideration in good faith in so far as the exigencies of the situation permit.

Please contact Chris Harold, A/Manager, Integrated Strategy and Policy Coordination, at [chris.harold@ontario.ca](mailto:chris.harold@ontario.ca) or Colleen Kiel, Director, Strategy and Planning at [colleen.kiel@ontario.ca](mailto:colleen.kiel@ontario.ca) if you have any questions or would like additional guidance on implementation of the measures in this order.

The public health sector is undertaking incredible efforts to respond to this emergency in Ontario. Thank you for your action and commitment.

Yours truly,



David C. Williams, MD, MHSc, FRCPC  
Chief Medical Officer of Health

cc: Alison Blair, Assistant Deputy Minister, Emergency Health Services and Public Health  
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## AMO COVID-19 Update

As we enter week four of the COVID-19 emergency, please know that AMO continues to bring critical municipal issues to the province in real time seeking immediate and practical resolutions to manage during the emergency. We are now in the depths of public health action to flatten the curve and we know that many communities are dealing with difficult local challenges.

### Revised List of Essential Services:

As was noted in AMO’s Friday [Update](#), the Ontario government announced revisions to the essential services list that limited construction (see Sections 27 – 31 of the updated essential services [list](#)) to critical provincial infrastructure, including health, transport, energy and justice sectors – this includes construction projects and services required to ensure the safe and reliable operations of these provincial assets.

With respect to private sector construction activities, various industrial activities related petrochemicals projects or manufacturing of medical devices and other identified products related to combatting COVID-19 also remain as essential. Residential construction projects can also proceed if either a footing permit or above grade structural permit have been issued or renovations were started before April 4, 2020.

In addition, construction and maintenance related to **municipal government services** are explicitly included on the essential services list and activities related to their operation may continue. These include water, sewer, roads, bridges, dams, waste and environmental management, emergency management, justice and policing. See section 34 for the entire list of essential community services.

For municipal governments, this means that works that support the delivery of services like sewage and drinking water would remain as essential. Lastly, under section 20, the maintenance or repair works to maintain the safety, security, sanitation



and essential operation of institutional, commercial, industrial (ICI) and residential properties remain essential. It is our understanding that the municipal projects beyond critical maintenance or repair (i.e. new recreation hub) would fall under the closure order for the applicable period, with the possibility of extensions.

The provincial help line at 1-888-444-3659 is a resource for clarification on what municipal construction projects could be considered to be on the revised services list. That said, it may be prudent for municipal governments to consult with legal counsel for clarity on individual projects.

Ultimately, any of the workplaces that remain open must abide by the directives from the Chief Medical Officer or local public health units and comply with the *Occupational Health and Safety Act*. Further, the Ministry of Labour, Training and Skills Development recently issued the revised guidelines for construction sites. Employers should know that failure to comply with OHSA and its regulations could result in a stop work order.

### **Seasonal Trailer Parks:**

Seasonal trailer parks and recreational campgrounds are not listed as essential businesses and, as such, were required to be closed as of midnight Saturday April 4, 2020.

Over the weekend, Minister Clark provided [clarification \(French\)](#) that for Ontarians whose only Canadian residence is at one of these seasonal trailer parks or campgrounds, they are permitted to continue their occupancy.

As well, those who fall into this group will be returning from another country and must complete their mandatory self-isolation as required by the mandatory isolation order made by the federal government under the Quarantine Act which took effect on March 25, 2020.

### **Help to Serve Vulnerable Persons:**

The province will provide up to \$40 million to support organizations that provide residential services for children and youth, people with developmental disabilities and emergency shelters for women and families fleeing domestic violence.

The COVID-19 [Residential Relief Fund](#) will cover costs such as additional staffing, residential respite for caregivers; personal protective equipment and supplies; initiatives to support physical distancing and transportation to minimize client exposure.

### **Future Work:**

AMO has been working with the Province to provide extensions of timelines for all administrative processes required under all legislation obliging municipalities to process applications or materials, notify, report or hold public meetings. With the focus and possible reassignment of duties to COVID related tasks, it is impossible for some municipal governments (and in some cases applicants) to meet deadlines. As

well, AMO is requesting that this potential timeline pause, when restarted, should allow for a reasonable recovery period.

Municipal governments continue to deliver what is essential to our residents and business - a credit to both councils and all staff. You are public service at its finest.

We are keeping our [COVID-19](#) webpage current and focusing on what's most relevant.

AMO's dedicated COVID-19 email account will manage your questions, take your ideas, and facilitate your feedback. AMO's policy and member services teams look forward to hearing from you at [covid19@amo.on.ca](mailto:covid19@amo.on.ca).

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## COVID-19: Keeping essential services going strong

As this pandemic unfolds, millions of Canadians are depending on municipalities to keep essential services running. And many of you are taking extraordinary measures for residents—including our most vulnerable—from turning arenas into shelters, to supporting food programs, to deferring property taxes.

Many of you are also facing an unprecedented financial crunch. To keep vital services going strong, you're telling us you will need financial support from other governments. That's why FCM continues to advocate daily for solutions, engaging with Canada's most senior federal decision-makers.

Our municipal story is Canada's story, and it's becoming a major news story. Over the weekend, we saw important coverage in Postmedia outlets like the *National Post*—with more to come.

In the immediate, we urge you to explore new supports that may be available to laid-off workers, including municipal employees. Those include the **Canada Emergency Response Benefit** and provincial income supports (see FCM's [COVID-19 resource page](#)).

FCM is working flat-out to take your priorities to the federal level. We're also continuing to convene key groups within our municipal family to map the way forward. Last week, that included sessions with

the Municipal Cooperation Program worked with municipalities, citizens, federal government and national federations to increase transparency, efficiency and cooperation.

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### New resource: how to defer property taxes

Canadian municipalities are responsible for a wide range of services, including hiring first responders, providing waste disposal and maintaining infrastructure. In an effort to provide financial relief to citizens and local businesses during the COVID-19 crisis, some municipalities are introducing or expanding property tax deferral programs. Our new resource answers key questions that municipalities should consider when designing property tax deferral programs.

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### MW Shares: Municipal Pandemic Response

In light of the extraordinary challenges facing our communities right now, Municipal World has launched a new podcast series to support municipalities with credible sources of information related to COVID-19 and the response across the country. Guests include experts, leaders, and practitioners as they discuss the challenges for communities as they deal with the coronavirus outbreak.

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**April 3:** NEW #CDNmuni resource on key questions municipalities should consider when designing property tax deferral programs. <https://bit.ly/345QMZE>

**Mar 31:** Looking to recapitalize, expand or launch a home energy-efficiency financing program? Today, with #GoC support, we launch a new funding initiative to help #CDNmuni do just that. More: <https://bit.ly/2UJtI5s>

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March 23, 2020

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Dear Prime Minister:

**Re: Direct Payment of Federal Funds to Municipalities to Waive Property Taxes for the Year 2020 - Financial help to alleviate the suffering from COVID-19 Pandemic**

It is trite to repeat the human and financial toll of the COVID-19 Pandemic. Similarly, the commitment of the federal, provincial and municipal governments toward alleviating the suffering of Canadians does not require repeating.

We, at the Town of Midland, in the Province of Ontario, are proposing what we believe to be a simple but effective solution to facilitate the delivery of our common and shared commitment to the financial and psychological well-being of all Canadians.

**Proposal:**

**1. Residential Properties (primary residence only)**

- a. Waive 100% of the 2020 property taxes for all residential properties currently assessed at or below \$ 500,000.00 by each governing provincial property assessment body; and
- b. Waive 50% of the 2020 property taxes for all residential properties currently assessed below \$ 1,000,000.00; and
- c. Waive 25% of the 2020 property taxes for all residential properties currently assessed above \$1,000,000.00.

**2. Industrial, Commercial and Farm Properties**

- a. Waive 100% of the 2020 property taxes for all; industrial, commercial and farm properties currently assessed at under \$ 10,000,000.00; and
- b. Waive 50% of the property taxes for the year 2020 for all industrial, commercial and farm properties currently assessed between \$10,000,000.00 and \$ 50,000,000.00; and
- c. Waive 25% of the property taxes for the year 2020 for all industrial, commercial and farm properties assessed above \$50,000,000.00.



### 3. Federal Transfer Payment to Canadian Municipalities

- a. In lieu of the annual municipal property taxes, the Federal Government transfers funds to municipalities across Canada, as a one-time grant.

#### Advantages of the Proposal:

1. Quick and timely relief;
2. Direct relief to all Canadian homeowners and the business community;
3. Directly protects Canadians who although may be solvent, are unable to easily meet the financial pressures beyond their personal capacity due to COVID-19;
4. No additional resources required to assess individual need and delivery of the relief;
5. Negligible overhead costs for the disbursement of the relief. In fact, it may cut-down on some of the work for municipal staff; and
6. The financial stimulus received from the federal government will come into circulation immediately and will stay in the community.

There are a multitude of other direct and indirect financial and non-financial benefits that will result from the implementation of this proposal. The biggest non-financial impact is that Canadians will see an immediate financial relief respecting the pressures to make their property tax payments and be better positioned to address other essential needs. In turn, removing this added stress will provide some relief to the already strained financial and health systems.

As you are aware, Canadians are entering this time of crisis with a very high amount of house-hold debt and a great deal of financial fragility. Taking this simple step should alleviate some of those pressures. At the same time, it will keep your municipal governments, and school boards primed for continued productivity and forward momentum to address the fallout from COVID-19.

Thanking you in anticipation of a favourable response.

Sincerely,

**The Corporation of the Town of Midland**



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April 4, 2020

Dear Head of Council:

**Subject: Operation of Seasonal Trailer Parks and Recreational Campgrounds –  
Amended Essential Business Order as of April 3, 2020**

Nothing is more important than protecting the health and well-being of Ontarians. Since first learning of COVID-19, Ontario has taken decisive action to contain the spread of this new virus.

Based on the advice of the Chief Medical Officer of Health, the province has declared an emergency so that we can take immediate action to stop the spread of COVID-19 and protect the public. On Tuesday, March 24<sup>th</sup>, the province ordered the mandatory closure of all non-essential workplaces pursuant to Ontario Regulation 82/20 under the *Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act*. On April 3, 2020 the province released an amended list of essential workplaces and ordered all businesses not covered by the amended emergency order to close their physical locations effective as of Saturday, April 4, 2020 at 11:59 p.m.

Seasonal trailer parks and recreational campgrounds are not listed as essential businesses and, as such, are required to be closed as of 11:59 p.m. today.

We recognize Ontario “snowbirds” are returning to Canada earlier than they normally would. In some instances, seasonal trailer parks and campgrounds may have been opened earlier than usual to permit individuals to take up temporary accommodation in their mobile homes, recreational vehicles or trailers. For Ontarians whose only Canadian residence is at one of these seasonal trailer parks or campgrounds, they are permitted to continue their occupancy and complete their mandatory self-isolation as required by the mandatory isolation order made by the federal government under the *Quarantine Act* which took effect on March 25, 2020.



Head of Council  
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Everyone has a role to play in stopping the spread of COVID-19 and we are asking that our enforcement partners assist in this effort. We encourage you to assist in enforcement efforts to ensure that seasonal trailer parks and/or campgrounds are not being used for recreational purposes. We encourage you to work with park operators and local public health officials in this regard, including to take into consideration the continued need for accommodation of those individuals outlined above.

Officers are encouraged to undertake a graduated approach to enforcement of the emergency orders, which may include educational messaging to businesses around the emergency order, specific warnings, the issuance of a ticket under Part I of the Provincial Offences Act (POA) or a summons under Part III of the POA. Officers are also encouraged to review the applicable provincial and federal emergency orders, and to continue to monitor [ontario.ca/alert](https://www.ontario.ca/alert) for any updates or changes to provincial orders.

By staying home and avoiding contact with others we can stop the spread of COVID-19.

Thank you for your continued cooperation on this matter.

Sincerely,



Steve Clark  
Minister of Municipal Affairs  
and Housing



Sylvia Jones  
Solicitor General

**Lesley Donnelly**

**From:** Lynn Hall <lhall@fcm.ca>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 6, 2020 4:00 PM  
**To:** dbath@townshipofbrock.ca  
**Cc:** Brock General  
**Subject:** Canadian Border Services Agency update  
**Attachments:** ENG - CBSA President Letter to mayors and municipal officials on CBSA Covid actions at the border - QC'd by CBU (002).pdf

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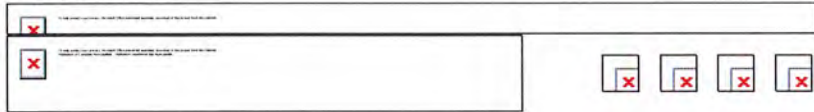
Dear FCM member,

FCM is passing along this letter from John Ossowski, President of the Canadian Border Services Agency (CBSA). The attached letter outlines relevant information related to the COVID-19 pandemic response at international ports of entry and provides you with regional CBSA contact information.

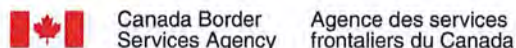
Thank you,  
Lynn

**Lynn Hall**

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Dear Mayors and Town Councillors:

As the COVID-19 situation deepens, the Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA) continues to work to protect Canadians. The CBSA is working closely with the Public Health Agency of Canada (PHAC) to help prevent the spread of novel coronavirus into Canada and implement and operationalize the measures that the PHAC recommends at all international ports of entry.

All travellers are assessed upon arrival to Canada and are subject to a series of interventions and screening questions about their health. No travellers are permitted into Canada without proper entry screening.

As a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, on March 21, 2020, the United States and Canada restricted all non-essential travel across their shared borders. As a result of these measures, and other border measures established earlier this year, we are seeing an overall decline of travellers of 79% by land, sea, and air. This is a 94% decrease compared with this same period last year.

Members of your communities can be assured that CBSA officers are:

- informing all travellers arriving in Canada, with the exception of essential services workers, of the mandatory requirement to self-isolate for 14 days to prevent the spread of COVID-19;
- vigilantly applying their training to identify travellers who may pose a health or safety risk; and
- referring any traveller presenting symptoms consistent with COVID-19 to a PHAC officer.

In addition to ensuring that all travellers coming into Canada are screened, the CBSA has also put in place additional signage throughout our ports of entry, enhanced COVID-19 training to our front-line officers, and is providing documentation to travellers on the symptoms and measures to take in response to COVID-19.

All travellers, including those travelling for essential purposes, are specifically asked, “Do you currently have a cough, difficulty breathing, or feel you have a fever?” In addition, CBSA officers are posted at different locations at arrivals so that they can interact with travellers to observe visible signs of illness. They will refer any traveller whom they suspect of being ill to PHAC officers, regardless of how the traveller responds to the health-screening question.

CBSA officers are members of the communities they serve and know that Canadians are counting on them to limit the spread of COVID-19 while facilitating trade and essential travel.

For a complete list of the measures the CBSA has in place, please consult *COVID-19: Travel Advice* at [www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/diseases/2019-novel-coronavirus-](http://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/diseases/2019-novel-coronavirus-)

**infection/latest-travel-health-advice.html**. Should you or any of your residents have any questions for the CBSA, please contact the Border Information Service (BIS) at 1-800-461-9999. Further information on the BIS is available at [www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/diseases/2019-novel-coronavirus-infection/latest-travel-health-advice.html](http://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/diseases/2019-novel-coronavirus-infection/latest-travel-health-advice.html).

Please find enclosed a list of Regional Directors General from the CBSA whom you may wish to contact should you have any concerns or questions.

At the same time, our Regional Directors General will be proactively reaching out to your municipalities, some of which they are already engaged with.

We are proud to be working together to keep Canadians safe.

Sincerely,



John Ossowski  
President

Enclosure

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