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COVID-19 Update: New COVID-19 Related Items You Need to Know Today

New Ontario Emergency Order restricting public gatherings of more than 5 people

In the evening of Saturday, March 28th, the Ontario government issued a new immediate [Emergency Order](#) under the *Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act* to prohibit organized public events and social gatherings of more than five people.

This order doesn't apply to private households with five people or more. It also doesn't apply to operating child care centres supporting frontline health care workers and first responders provided the number of persons at each centre does not exceed 50 people. Funerals would be permitted to proceed with up to 10 people at one time. This order replaces a previous emergency order which prohibited organized public events of over 50 people.

Municipal bylaw officers may be used to enforce public safety and security orders

On March 27, the Solicitor General and the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing wrote to Heads of Council to advise that authority has been granted to municipal bylaw officers or agents to enforce emergency orders. Municipalities may provide direction to these officers regarding the exercise of these powers by establishing policies or bylaws. These powers are for use where persons or businesses are found to be violating emergency orders. Enforcement measures undertaken by officers could include public education measures or issuing tickets under the *Provincial Offences Act*. Municipal bylaw enforcement officers may not arrest individuals. Further details

and information resources can be found in the materials ([letter](#), [Q and A](#)) sent to heads of council and police service board chairs.

In addition, Ministry of Transportation officers have been granted authority to direct traffic, close highways, and designate emergency parking locations. This authority is granted under Regulation 89/20 under the *Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act*.

Virtual Library Board meetings

The Ministry of Heritage, Sport, Tourism and Culture Industries, who are responsible for library boards and services, have [clarified](#) that yes, library boards can be virtual (video or teleconference) as long as all the other requirements such as notice and open to the public are followed.

Time-of-use Electricity Pricing Suspended

As part of the Government of Ontario Emergency Order under the *Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act* starting on March 24, 2020, [residential and small business customers on time-of-use \(TOU\) pricing](#) will pay **10.1 ¢/kWh no matter what time of day the electricity is consumed. Peak price is currently 20.8 ¢/kWh**. Peak hours are during the daytime, but the actual peak hours vary by season. This means that TOU customers will be paying the off-peak price throughout the day as long as the Emergency Order remains in place. The Government has indicated that it intends to keep the 10.1 ¢/kWh pricing in place for 45 days.

The 10.1 ¢/kWh pricing applies automatically – no customer action is required.

Some customers may receive a bill before their utility or unit sub-meter provider is able to implement the price change, in which case they will receive a credit on the following bill.

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.

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**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Meeting No. BOD-03-20**

**Friday, April 3, 2020
9:00 A.M.**

AGENDA

Virtual Meeting (Access Details to be Provided)

Minutes and agendas are available on our website: <http://lsrca.on.ca/>

I. BUSINESS OF THE SPECIAL MEETING

- 1. Proposed Amendment to the Lake Simcoe Region
Conservation Authority Administrative By-Laws**

Pages 2-43

RECOMMENDED: THAT Staff Report No. 11-20-BOD regarding an amendment to the LSRCA Administrative By-Laws dated September 28, 2018 to ensure business continuity during emergencies be approved; and

FURTHER THAT the Amended By-Laws be distributed to member municipalities and made available to the public.

II. ADJOURNMENT



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conservation authority

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Meeting No. BOD-04-20

Friday, April 3, 2020
9:15 A.M.

AGENDA

Virtual Meeting (Access Details to be Provided)

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Upcoming Events
2020

Friday, April 24th
9:00 a.m.

Board of Directors' Meeting
Virtual Meeting

Wednesday, June 10th
6:00 p.m.
(date subject to change)

Lake Simcoe Conservation Foundation
32nd Annual Conservation Dinner
Manor at Carrying Place Golf and Country Club
16750 Weston Road, Kettleby

Events are also listed on our Events Page on our website: <http://lsrca.on.ca/events/>

I. DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Pages 1-5

RECOMMENDED: THAT the content of the Agenda for the April 3, 2020 meeting of the LSRCA Board of Directors be approved as presented.

III. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

a) Board of Directors

Pages 6-11

Included in the agenda is a copy of the minutes of the Board of Directors' Meeting No. BOD-02-20 held on Friday, February 28, 2020.

RECOMMENDED: THAT the minutes of the Board of Directors' Meeting No. BOD-02-20 held on Friday, February 28, 2020 be approved as circulated.

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS

V. PRESENTATIONS

a) LSRCA Fourth Quarter 2019 Financial Update and 2020 Budget

Pages 12-53

General Manager, Corporate and Financial Services/CFO, Mark Critch, will provide an overview of LSRCA's Fourth Quarter 2019 Financial Report and the 2020 Budget. This presentation will be provided at the meeting.

RECOMMENDED: THAT the presentation by General Manager, Corporate and Financial Services/CFO, Mark Critch, regarding LSRCA's Fourth Quarter 2019 Financial Report and 2020 Proposed Budget be received for information.

Included in the agenda is Staff Report No. 12-20-BOD regarding the Fourth Quarter 2019 Financial Report.

RECOMMENDED: THAT Staff Report No. 12-20-BOD regarding LSRCA's Fourth Quarter Unaudited Financial Report for the period ending December 31, 2019 be received for information.

Included in the agenda is Staff Report No. 13-20-BOD regarding LSRCA's 2020 Proposed Budget.

RECOMMENDED: THAT Staff Report No. 13-20-BOD regarding LSRCA’s 2020 Proposed Capital and Operating Budget be received; and

FURTHER THAT the 2020 Proposed Capital and Operating Budget and all projects therein be adopted; and

FURTHER THAT LSRCA staff be authorized to enter into agreements and/or execute documents with private sector organizations, non-governmental organizations or governments and their agencies for the undertaking of projects for the benefit of LSRCA and funded by the sponsoring organization or agency, including projects that have not been provided for in the approved budget; and

FURTHER THAT as required by Ontario Regulation 139/96 (formerly O.S. 231/97), this recommendation and the accompanying budget documents, including the schedule of matching and non-matching levies, be approved by weighted vote.

VI. HEARINGS

There are no Hearings scheduled for this meeting.

VII. DEPUTATIONS

There are no Deputations scheduled for this meeting.

VIII. DETERMINATION OF ITEMS REQUIRING SEPARATE DISCUSSION
(Reference Pages 4 and 5 of the agenda)

IX. ADOPTION OF ITEMS NOT REQUIRING SEPARATE DISCUSSION

X. CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS REQUIRING SEPARATE DISCUSSION

XI. CLOSED SESSION

There are no Closed Session items for this meeting.

XII. OTHER BUSINESS

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the LSRCA Board of Directors will be held at @ approximately 9:30 a.m. on Friday, April 24, 2020. This meeting will be held virtually, access details to be provided at a later date. This meeting will be preceded by a Lakes Simcoe, Couchiching/Black River Source Protection Authority meeting beginning @ 9:00 am.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

AGENDA ITEMS

1. Correspondence Pages 54-66

Correspondence items included in this agenda are as follows:

- a) Lake Simcoe Watch correspondence of February 18, 2020 regarding Cleaning up Lake Simcoe: A Discussion Paper;
- b) Town of Innisfil Council resolution of March 11, 2020 regarding Conservation Authorities Act, Section 28, and the Needs of Rural Areas;
- c) Town of Georgina email dated March 2, 2020 regarding a Council motion regarding the continuation of programs and services by Conservation Authorities.

RECOMMENDED: THAT correspondence listed in the agenda as Item 1a) to 1c) be received for information.

2. LSRCA Operational Response to the COVID-19 Pandemic Pages 67-69

RECOMMENDED: THAT Staff Report No. 14-20-BOD regarding changes in LSRCA's operations in response to the COVID-19 pandemic be received for information.

3. Pefferlaw Dam Pages 70-79

RECOMMENDED: THAT Staff Report No. 15-20-BOD regarding Pefferlaw Dam Ownership, Operational and Structural Status be received; and

FURTHER THAT the following recommendations be approved:

- 1. The dam stop logs will not be installed in 2020 due to structural concerns and staff safety issues;**

2. **Staff will communicate the status of dam operations with the general public and Town of Georgina;**
3. **Staff continue to pursue and establish clear ownership of the dam structure and associated properties in consultation with Town of Georgina and Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry and/or the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks;**
4. **Staff engage in consultation with Town of Georgina staff, Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry and/or the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks and community to discuss long-term options for the Pefferlaw Dam; and**
5. **Staff will bring updates to the Board of Directors as required.**

4. **Summary of Recently Secured Funding Agreements supporting the Integrated Watershed Management Division** **Pages 80-82**

RECOMMENDED: **THAT Staff Report No. 16-20-BOD regarding new funding agreements supporting the Integrated Watershed Management Division be received for information.**

5. **2020 Conservation Awards Program** **Pages 83-85**

RECOMMENDED: **THAT Staff Report No. 17-20-BOD regarding the 2020 Conservation Awards program be received for information.**

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March 27, 2020

Dear Head of Council:

On March 17, 2020, our government declared a provincial emergency through the authority granted under the *Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act* (EMCPA). Since this declaration, several emergency orders have been made under the Act to contain the spread of COVID-19 and to ensure that essential services continue to be provided and Ontarians are supported. To view Emergency Orders made by the government in response to COVID-19, please visit our ministry's Emergency Information webpage at: ontario.ca/alert.

Previously, only police officers and constables who have been appointed under an Act have the ability to enforce orders made under the EMCPA. Due to COVID-19, police resources are being stretched and police services have made requests to have other enforcement personnel assist with enforcing the emergency orders being made by the province.

As a result, our government signed a ministerial designation under the *Provincial Offences Act* to authorize the following personnel to enforce EMCPA orders:

- All persons or classes of persons designated in writing by a minister of the Crown as provincial offences officers, notwithstanding the offence or class of offences of that designation;
- All municipal law enforcement officers referred to in subsection 101 (4) of the *Municipal Act, 2001*, or in subsection 79 (1) of the *City of Toronto Act, 2006*;
- All by-law enforcement officers of any municipality, or of any local board of any municipality; and
- All officers, employees or agents of any municipality or of any local board of any municipality whose responsibilities include the enforcement of a by-law, an Act or a regulation under an Act.

Head of Council
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No further provincial approvals or authorizations are needed for municipal law enforcement officers to enforce orders under the EMCPA. Municipalities are not required to, but may wish to consider whether, and how, to provide direction to their municipal law enforcement officers about the exercise of these powers (e.g., policies or by-laws regarding which officers are best positioned to exercise these powers given their existing training, knowledge and resources).

Municipalities should continue to consider the severity of each infraction in relation to the potential risk to public health and the spread of COVID-19 when taking enforcement action. Consistent with existing enforcement approaches, consideration should continue to be given to taking a graduated approach to compliance. This could include providing educational messaging or warnings to members of the public around the emergency orders and, if compliance is not obtained, the issuance of a ticket under the *Provincial Offences Act* or a summons under Part 3 of the Act.

To assist enforcement personnel, we are also establishing a dedicated 1-800 line to respond to questions related to enforcing these orders. This telephone number will be available to enforcement personnel and will not be for the general public. We will follow up with more information once the dedicated line is established.

Finally, to further support the implementation of this change, please see enclosed Frequently Asked Questions that can be shared with your enforcement staff. As specific operational questions arise please contact Zinzi De Silva, Standards Research Analyst with the Public Safety Division of the Ministry of the Solicitor General at 416-314-3079 or Zinzi.DeSilva@ontario.ca for guidance as necessary.

Thank you for your continued cooperation on this matter.

Sincerely,



Sylvia Jones
Solicitor General



Steve Clark
Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing

Enclosure

c: Chief Administrative Officers

Municipal Clerks

Qs and As for Enforcement Personnel
March 27, 2020

General Questions

1. **Are provincial offences officers and municipal law enforcement officers required to enforce emergency orders?**

The changes we are making do not require the use of provincial offences or municipal law enforcement officers to enforce emergency orders. It does provide the flexibility should there be a ministry or local need to increase enforcement.

2. **What emergency orders are provincial offences officers and municipal law enforcement officers authorized to enforce?**

Provincial offences officers and municipal law enforcement officers are now authorized to enforce all emergency orders made under the *Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act* (EMCPA).

3. **Who should officers contact for urgent matters?**

During the emergency declaration, if circumstances arise where a case under the EMCPA requires urgent attention, the prosecutor may work with the criminal court trial coordinator to bring the matter to the Local Administrative Judge or Regional Senior Judge for direction and potential scheduling.

Please contact Director of Crown Operations, Fred Braley, fred.braley@ontario.ca
416-553-1478.

Available Charges

4. **Is It an offence to fail to comply with an emergency order?**

Yes. It is an offence to fail to comply with an emergency order, or to obstruct any person acting pursuant to such an order.

The maximum punishment is one-year imprisonment or a fine of up to \$100,000 for an individual, \$500,000 for a director of a corporation, or \$10,000,000 for a corporation itself (EMCPA, s. 7.0.11(1)). If the defendant gained a financial benefit from their violation of an emergency order, the court may increase the maximum fine to match the benefit the defendant received (EMCPA, s. 7.0.11(3)).

Where violations occur on different dates, s.7.0.11(2) allows for a separate charge to be laid for each day an offence occurs or continues.

5. **What offences can be laid against persons and businesses who are found in violation of an order during a declared emergency?**

Officers have discretion to charge under Part I (Certificate of Offence) or Part III (Information). The following offences are available under the EMCPA for violations of Ontario's declaration of emergency.

- (1) Fail to comply with an order made during a declared emergency, contrary to section 7.0.11(1) of the EMCPA.
- (2) Obstruct any person exercising a power in accordance with an order made during a declared emergency, contrary to section 7.0.11(1) of the EMCPA.
- (3) Obstruct any person performing a duty in accordance with an order made during a declared emergency, contrary to section 7.0.11(1) of the EMCPA.

The limitation periods that normally apply under the *Provincial Offences Act* (POA) (whether Part I, II or III), have been suspended pursuant to an Order by the Ontario government under s. 7.1 of the EMCPA. The suspension is retroactive to Monday, March 16, 2020.

As a result of this suspension, Justices of the Peace are no longer receiving Part III Informations and municipal courts are no longer accepting the filing of Certificates of Offences.

Proceedings may be initiated once the declaration of provincial emergency is lifted by the provincial government. Once the declaration of provincial emergency is over, and normal court operations resume, these matters will be scheduled and heard in the POA courts in the ordinary course.

Bars and Other Public Establishments in Violation of the Declaration of Provincial Emergency

6. What can we do if a bar is open in contravention of Ontario Regulation 51/20?

The following potential charges are available:

1. An individual patron could be charged either under Part I or Part III of the POA, with the offence of Fail to Comply with an order made during a declared emergency contrary to section 7.0.11(1)(a) of the EMCPA:

- If charged under Part I of the POA, a \$750.00 set fine applies
- If charged under Part III of the POA, a fine of not more than \$100,000 and a term of imprisonment of not more than one year could be imposed

2. An individual who is a director or officer of the corporate entity could be charged under Part I or Part III of the POA, with the offence of Fail to Comply with an order made during a declared emergency contrary to section 7.0.11(1)(b) of the EMCPA:

- If charged under Part I of the POA, a \$750.00 set fine applies
- If charged under Part III of the POA, a fine of not more than \$500,000 and a term of imprisonment of not more than one year could be imposed

3. The corporate entity could be charged under Part I or Part III of the POA, with the offence of Fail to Comply with an order made during a declared emergency contrary to section 7.0.11(c) of the EMCPA:

- If charged under Part I of the POA, a \$750.00 set fine applies

- If charged under Part III of the POA, a fine of not more than \$10,000,000 applies

Under this scenario, an officer could proceed under Part I of the POA in respect of the “individual” (the patron) and Part III in respect of the “individual who is a director or officer of the corporate entity” and the corporate entity.

Powers of Arrest

7. Can provincial offences officers or municipal law enforcement officers arrest individuals for violations of the EMCPA?

No. The EMCPA does not include any arrest provisions for provincial offences officers or municipal law enforcement officers.

8. When can officers rely on the Criminal Code for individuals who refuse to comply with an emergency order?

Officers should first seek voluntary compliance with emergency orders. Officers should make it clear that people are required to comply with the orders and that failure to comply is an offence under s. 7.0.11 of the EMCPA.

If people refuse to comply and follow the officer’s commands, officers can rely on s. 129 of the *Criminal Code*, which makes it any offence to resist or wilfully obstruct a public officer or peace officer in the execution of their duty. The *Criminal Code* sets out the powers of arrest and abilities to identify people.

9. What if a business that has been ordered to close, refuses to close and people continue to gather inside?

Officers may rely on ancillary powers to order that people leave a business and prevent others from entering. The basis is that the people are committing an offence by violating the emergency order. The intrusions on liberty are acceptable as reasonably necessary for the police to fulfill their duties. The police focus must be on removing people to the extent necessary for public health reasons, such as the need for people to maintain 6 feet of distance. For example, if the owner of a business is inside, and is committing an offence of failing to comply with an order during a declared emergency, but through police intervention, no customers or workers are allowed to enter, then recourse to ancillary powers would likely not be available to justify further intervention.

Officers have ancillary powers under the common law that are available where: (1) the officer’s conduct falls within their general duties; and (2) the officer’s conduct is reasonably necessary.

As the province has declared an emergency and has made certain orders as a result, the police are acting in the course of their duties to preserve the peace, protect the public, and save lives. These are the “principal duties” of the police at common law. As for the officer’s conduct being reasonably necessary, this depends on what the officer seeks to do. The goal of the emergency orders is to keep people apart to combat the spread of COVID-19. The police duty is extremely important; interference of liberty will be necessary.

10. How can individuals be removed from locations they are not allowed to be in?

If people are congregating in public areas or businesses in violation of emergency orders, they may be trespassing. The common law arguably permits officers to use force to remove individuals illegally congregating in public areas or in businesses in violation of emergency orders. This same power may be used to remove trespassers provided that the trespasser has first been asked to leave and was afforded a reasonable opportunity to do so before they were removed. In addition, the officer must ensure that they have authority from the occupier to remove the trespasser, unless the occupier is also in breach of the emergency order.

11. What search powers are available for violations of the EMCPA?

If a business is operating in contravention of the emergency orders issued, there is no statutory authority to search the premises or forcibly enter absent a warrant.

Police can rely on their common law ancillary powers to enter premises if the entry is necessary as an emergency response to a pressing and clear health concern (e.g., extreme violations of the emergency order such as a COVID-19 party of a hundred people). This is akin to the police authority to enter residences when responding to 911 calls in order to locate the person under distress and offer aid as necessary. Officers also can search the home in the name of responding to that same imminent threat to public safety and seize illegal items found in plain view (e.g. guns, drugs). Caution must be exercised to ensure that the entry is for public safety purposes under the EMCPA, and not some other purpose such as a criminal investigation.

12. Who will prosecute EMCPA charges?

The prosecution of all charges laid alleging violations of the EMCPA will fall to the Criminal Law Division of the Ministry of the Attorney General. Any questions regarding prosecutions of these offences should be directed to Director of Crown Operations, Fred Braley, fred.braley@ontario.ca 416-553-1478.

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From: Martin, Andrea (OMAFRA) <Andrea.L.Martin@ontario.ca>
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Subject: OMAFRA Releases Updated Agricultural System Implementation Procedures

Please forward this message to your land use planning and economic development staff.

**Ministry of Agriculture,
Food and Rural Affairs**

**Ministère de l'Agriculture,
de l'Alimentation et des Affaires rurales**



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Food Safety and Environmental Policy Branch

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Dear Municipalities in the Greater Golden Horseshoe,

I am writing to let you know that the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs (OMAFRA) has updated the Implementation Procedures for the Agricultural System in the Greater Golden Horseshoe to align with A Place to Grow, 2019. You can obtain the document and a variety of economic development and land use planning tools from the updated [Agricultural System website](#).

In 2019, the 2017 Growth Plan was replaced by A Place to Grow: Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe, including new Agricultural System policies. In the area under A Place to Grow, the provincial agricultural land base mapping applies after it is implemented in upper- and single-tier official plans. As the Greenbelt Plan hasn't changed, Greenbelt Plan, 2017 policies still apply within the greenbelt and the provincial agricultural land base mapping issued on February 9, 2018 is in effect.

Municipalities are required to implement the Agricultural System according to provincial policies and these Implementation Procedures to protect farmland and address the viability of the agri-food sector. The intention is to support job creation, allow local food systems to flourish and create trade and economic opportunities. The Agricultural System for the Greater Golden Horseshoe is comprised of 1) the agricultural land base consisting of prime agricultural areas, including specialty crop areas, and rural lands; and 2) the agri-food network which includes infrastructure, services and assets important to the viability of the sector.

I encourage you to use the Implementation Procedures and reach out to OMAFRA's rural planners and economic developers as you work towards the July 2022 deadline for provincial plan conformity. OMAFRA staff look forward to collaborating with you on mapping improvements and measures to help the sector thrive.

Sincerely,



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Resources

[A Place to Grow: Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe, 2019](#)

[Agricultural System mapping portal](#) – useful for economic development purposes, to inform Agricultural Impact Assessments, and to help visualize the agri-food network such as transportation infrastructure and food and beverage processors.

[OMAFRA's Rural Planners and Agriculture and Rural Economic Development Advisors Economic development tools](#)

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**DIGITAL GOVERNMENT**

March 26, 2020

Remote Electronic Meetings

Amendments to the *Municipal Act* and the *City of Toronto Act* now permit councils, council committees, and local boards to meet virtually during either a municipal or provincial emergency.

[AMO's digital meeting management partner](#), eSCRIBE, can help your municipality implement electronic meetings so that elected officials and staff can meet virtually and interact through the eSCRIBE platform.

Watch our [webinar](#) and find out more.

AMO encourages members to reach out to [eSCRIBE](#) to determine what options may be best suited for your needs. Contact Paul Mackin, Co-Founder and Vice-President of eSCRIBE, info@escribemeetings.com, or 1-888-780-5867.

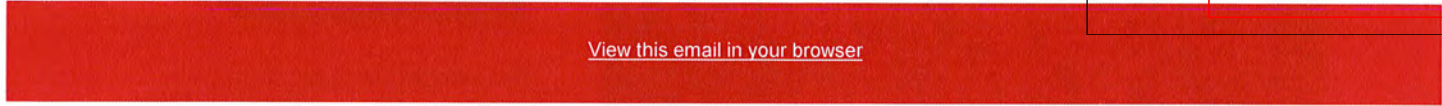
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COVID-19 LIVE WEBINAR

A Strategic Approach for Tourism



COVID-19 Live Webinar A Strategic Approach for Tourism

On Friday, April 3rd from 11:00 am - 12:00 pm, Central Counties Tourism (RTO6) and Brockville Tourism (RTO9) are working together to bring you a live webinar on how to navigate your business during this difficult time.

Our Symposium 2020 speaker, Katherine Hobbs from Brockville Tourism will be expanding the presentation, which will cover strategies, resilience, opportunities, diversifying, and tourism and development recovery funding.

Live Webinar Details

Date: Friday, April 3, 2020

Time 11:00 am - 12:00 pm

[REGISTER HERE](#)

This webinar will be recorded and posted on www.centralcounties.ca for those unable to participate in the live presentation.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S CORNER

For almost all of us, this pandemic sucks. It sucks on a personal level. It sucks on a professional level. It sucks on a financial level. I say “almost all of us” because I am sure there are those like my son Jude who are revelling in the fact they are banned to the basement with their online multi-player games, happily chatting with friends for hours at a time...

However, amidst the chaos, and daily doom and gloom, there are some incredible things taking place, which are going to have us emerge from this crisis stronger than ever. [READ MORE](#)

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Marketing Corner

Got Virtual Content?

In response to COVID-19 and social distancing, many of our stakeholders are staying top-of-mind by sharing creative and educational content with the public online to keep them busy during this period of isolation.

This is a fantastic and economical way to let the people know you care about them, showcase your expertise and generate consumer loyalty, but it can be a challenge as well. If you're interested in exploring this idea. We are here to assist you in the following ways:

- Brainstorm with the CCT marketing team
- Logistical assistance
- Storyboarding
- Assessing equipment needs
- Promotional planning - social media calendar creation

Already doing it? Well, we want to extend your audience reach by sharing it with our more than 39,000 followers on FaceBook, Twitter and Instagram. Tag us using @visitydh or by using the hashtags #visitydh and #discoverON.

We are here to support you.

To discuss this opportunity further, please contact your regional field manager:
York Region: Sandra Quiteria at squiteria@centralcounties.ca

Durham Region: Eleanor Cook at ecook@centralcounties.ca
Headwaters Region: Emily Quinton at equinton@centralcounties.ca

Research Corner

COVID-19 Industry Survey Results

We have posted the Central Counties members results for Survey #1 and Survey #2 [here](#). Also posted are the Ontario-wide results.

Thank you to our members who answered these surveys.

A 3rd survey to continue to measure the effect of COVID-19 on the businesses in the Central Counties region and Ontario will be sent next week. We ask ALL our members to please complete this next important survey. Thank you.

The Power of Data. Its in the [Visitor Research Program](#). Purchase the program for your business [here](#).

This can be your ad.

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and more information.**



What's happening in 2020 for our Members!

**Ontario Minister of Heritage, Sport, Tourism and Culture Industries Lisa MacLeod
Announces Series of Initiatives**

Yesterday (Thursday, March 26), Minister of Heritage, Sport, Tourism and Culture Industries Lisa MacLeod held a Tele-Town Hall Conference Call and announced a series of initiatives to industry stakeholders.

We want to thank **TIAO** for this summary and our peers at **FEO** for sharing this important information. Here is the statement from Minister MacLeod:

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Central Counties Symposium 2020 Postponed

For the safety of our members, prior to the government announcing measures to limit public exposure through large scale events, Central Counties made the difficult decision to postpone Symposium 2020, scheduled for March 30th. A new future date will be announced.

Thank you to the many members who pre-registered and our Symposium Partners: **Presenting Partner: Tourism Vaughan Corporation; Platinum Partners: Durham Tourism, York Region; Gold Partners: Town of Erin, Town of Georgina, City of Pickering, Town of Whitby, Town of Ajax, City of Markham, Dufferin County**

Resources to Help Your Business

Central Counties, together with the Ontario government is “encouraging businesses to explore opportunities to continue operations through work-from-home and innovative business models”. Please ensure you and your staff follow the current Federal, Provincial and Municipal regulations on store closures. Teleworking and online commerce are permitted at all times for all businesses. You can see the full list of essential businesses [here](#). Current government updates from TIAO are available on the [B2B website](#).

Government Assistance Available

We thank Norfolk County Tourism for putting together a list of government support announced to businesses so far. You can download the document [here](#).

Free Trial on Shopify to Create Online Stores

Integrating e-commerce capability into your website is a way to continue to offer your products to your customers. Shopify, has a free 3-month trial available and is one of the easiest platforms to use both for businesses and their customers.

Start your 90-day free trial with the Basic Plan [here](#). Free training is also being offered through the Shopify Academy [here](#).

Tips to Get Your Business Online

Bruce County (RTO7) has a recorded webinar on how to sell your products online. Access the webinar [here](#).

Ideas on How to Offer Restaurant Take-Out

Our friends at Ontario's Southwest (RTO1) and Tourism Oxford are offering a webinar, Panel-palooza: Take-in Restaurant Ideas, on Tuesday March 31st at 10:00 am providing ways to generate revenue and connect with customers. Learn from several restaurants on how they are transforming their businesses in response to COVID-19.

Register [here](#).

Insurance Policy Force Majeure Clauses

FEO has put together a document that can answer questions about Insurance Policy Force Majeure Clauses. Find more details [here](#).

Being Nimble in Extraordinary Times

We are living and working through extraordinary times and businesses across the region are taking extraordinary action to keep their doors open, be socially responsible and step-up for the greater good.

Here is just a snapshot of what's happening around Central Counties.

Answering the Call

With a shortage of medical supplies and increasing demand for the basics, [Last Straw Distillery](#), [Magnotta Winery](#), and [All or Nothing Brewhouse](#) have added the production of hand sanitizer to their product offering.

Onward, Upward and Online

Online is the new onsite and in-store! From the [McMichael Canadian Art Collection's](#) ArtVentures online and [Canada's Wonderland's](#) virtual roller coaster rides to [Kendall Hills Farm's](#) online farmer's market and the many businesses that have shifted to take-out and curbside service, innovation and resilience abound.

If you've shifted your business to meet the changing needs of the times let us know. We can share your information through our frequently updated blogs and on social media. Don't forget to tag us @visitydh or contact your regional field manager.



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BACD Update - March 20, 2020

For up-to-date resources and information for businesses in Durham Region regarding government programs, services and supports available during the COVID-19 pandemic, please visit [Invest Durham](#) and [BACD Business Toolbox](#)

Keep working on your Business

We know it is hard for small business at this uncertain time, here are some ideas so you can continuing to work on your business.

- Attend some virtual networking events
- Keep marketing your business on social media
- Learn a new skill such as [Canva](#) (free web based graphic design tool)
- Take the time to update your brand, website, operations or marketing strategies

While our physical office may be closed our virtual one is **OPEN FOR BUSINESS**. We are here to help and support you during this time. The BACD team are continuing to work and we are offering **virtual advisory meetings** (via phone or Zoom). Please call us on [905-668-4949](tel:905-668-4949) or email us clientservices@bacd.ca to book a meeting.

We've added a number of free webinars to the roster. Check out: <https://bacd.ca/events/>

Thank you from the BACD Team

Teresa, Andrea, Patrice, Ashley and Lindy



Durham Region Small Business Directory

This was a passion project by Alicia Jones of [AJCreative](#) and her husband to help our local businesses. Thank you so much!

It's a **free directory for local businesses** to add their digital / online offers.

Add your business info now at: [Durham Region directory](#)

COVID-19 News and Resources

Useful Links

[Government of Canada Information for COVID-19 Support](#)

[Stop the Spread Business Information Line Now Open at 1-888-444-3659](#)

[Managing Employees and Volunteers during COVID-19](#) (Free Webinar)

Human resource management has changed with COVID-19. Many staff and volunteers are now working virtually, service providers are operating in a new environment, and volunteers are taking on new roles. Discover best practices for managing employees and volunteers during times of crisis from industry experts from Volunteer Canada, Miller Thompson, and The Neighbourhood Group. When: March 30 at 2pm-3pm

[Calling all Suppliers: Help Canada Combat COVID-19](#)

Government of Canada is seeking information from suppliers on their ability to provide products and services in support of Canada's response to COVID-19. Visit [this page](#) and see the **list of products and services requested**. If you can provide items from the list, or any other product or services not listed complete the online form.

For inquiries regarding the Government of Canada Call for Suppliers

Martin Montreuil: martin.montreuil@tpsgc-pwgsc.gc.ca / Tel: 613-793-3594

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BACD Virtual Networking, Workshops and Webinars



Monday, March 30

Info Session on BACD's Programs & Services to help you (Webinar)

3:45pm - 4:30pm
Online - via Zoom
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Tuesday, March 31

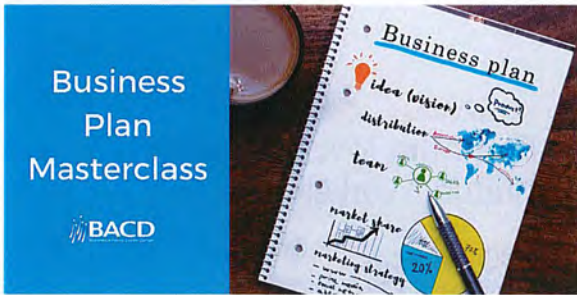
Drive Traffic Using Social Media (Virtual Workshop)

9:30am - 12pm
Online - via Zoom
[TICKETS](#)



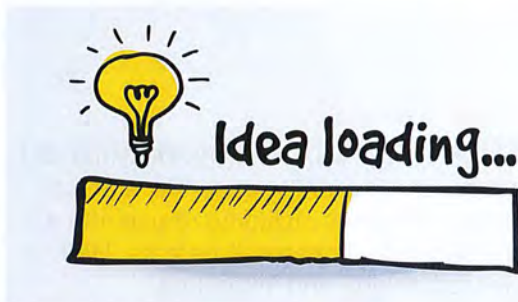
Tuesday, March 31
DIY Video Marketing Essentials (Webinar)

1pm - 2pm
Online - via Zoom
[REGISTER](#)



Wednesday, April 1
Business Plan Masterclass (Webinar)

1pm - 3:30pm
Online - via Zoom
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Wednesday, April 1
BACD Start Up Session (Virtual)

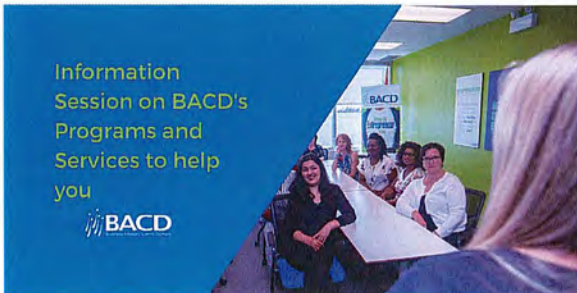
This session covers the essential steps to starting a business including registering a business name, licenses & permits, HST, business banking and insurance.

3pm - 4:30pm | Online - via Zoom
[REGISTER](#)



Thursday, April 2
Why & How to Get Your Business Ready For Online Selling (Webinar)

1:00pm - 2:00pm
Online - via Zoom
[REGISTER](#)



Monday, April 6
Info Session on BACD's Programs & Services to help you (Webinar)

2pm - 3pm
Online - via Zoom
[REGISTER](#)



Wednesday, April 8
BACD Business
Fundamentals: Business
Planning (Virtual)

In this session you will plan out your business using the business model canvas as you plan what you need to start.

9:30am - 11:30am | Online - via Zoom

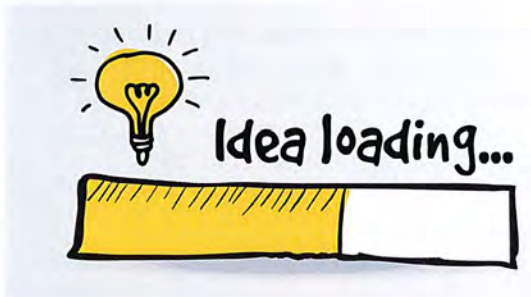
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Wednesday, April 8
Planning Your Website
(Virtual Workshop)

2:30pm - 4pm
Online - via Zoom

[TICKETS](#)



Thursday, April 9
BACD Start Up Session (Virtual)

This session covers the essential steps to starting a business including registering a business name, licenses & permits, HST, business banking and insurance.

9:30am - 11am | Online - via Zoom

[REGISTER](#)



Wednesday, April 9
Business Plan Masterclass
(Webinar)

1pm - 3:30pm
Online - via Zoom

[REGISTER](#)

For BACD's event listing, please visit our website: bacd.ca/events



Digital Main Street Online Webinars

eCommerce 101 - Thu, April 2 | 10am - 12pm

Customer Engagement - Mon, April 6 | 10am - 12pm

Web Presence 101 - Wed, April 8 | 10am - 12pm

BACD Grant Programs 2020

PLEASE NOTE: All our programs can be run virtually, so apply now if you are interested in any of the following programs.

Are you a student looking to start your own business this summer?

Summer Company program is open to students aged 15 - 29 returning to full time education in the Fall. The program offers business training, mentoring and a grant of up to \$3,000.

[APPLY NOW](#) Deadline to apply May 17th



Apply now for the Women's Entrepreneurship Program

Offering entrepreneurial women virtual & in-person business support to help start a new business, plus access to apply for a \$2,000 microloan.

[Click here to learn more](#)



Starter Company Plus Grant Program

The Starter Company Plus program provides training, mentoring and an opportunity to apply for a grant of up to \$5,000. This grant program is for 'market ready' businesses in Durham Region.

[Apply now for the next cohort](#)



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Industry Report

Connecting, engaging and informing Durham Tourism's valued stakeholders



Businesses of Durham Region: for the latest resources, financial supports, and information from all levels of government, please visit investdurham.ca/covidresponse

Message from Regional Chair and CEO, John Henry

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.

Durham Economic Task Force



The Durham Economic Task Force is made up of Durham Region's Economic Development and Tourism team; Business Advisory Centre of Durham; all of Durham's

Chambers of Commerce and Boards of Trade; BIAs; as well as local municipal Economic Development teams.

The Durham Economic Task Force's immediate priorities are to:

- Advocate for the urgent needs of our business community to the Provincial and Federal Governments.
- Provide resources and information about business supports available from various levels of government.
- Work with other levels of government and stakeholders to develop and implement support programming for business owners, affected employees, and their families, who are experiencing financial impacts as a result of COVID-19.
- Provide direct support to help guide small businesses through the process of accessing emergency financial assistance and programming from all levels of government.
- Promote Durham small businesses that are still open, particularly the local food and agri-businesses who are offering safe, no-contact delivery and pick-up services.

Resources and information for **businesses** in Durham Region regarding government programs, services and supports available during the COVID-19 pandemic: investdurham.ca/covidresponse.

To review the latest health information for residents of Durham Region, please visit durham.ca/NovelCoronavirus.

To review the latest information for Durham Region residents about programs and funding, please visit durham.ca/CommunityResources.



Update from Lisa MacLeod, Minister of Heritage, Sport, Tourism and Culture Industries

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Tourism Industry Association of Canada

TIAC continues to and is committed to representing the needs of our tourism industry during these challenging and uncertain times. We would like to encourage all businesses to [register](#) with TIAC for important ongoing updates regarding advocacy that is taking place on behalf of our tourism businesses.

Here are a few recommendations from TIAC for businesses to take advantage of:

- Visit the [website for businesses](#) for information about supporting your employees and your business. It will be constantly updated as the COVID-19 crisis evolves.
- Download the [Canada Business App](#) to find tailored supports to address your specific needs and questions about COVID-19.

- Consult the Canadian Chamber of Commerce's [pandemic preparedness guide](#) to help prepare your business in the days and weeks to come.
- Contact your bank. Canada's banks have made a commitment to support businesses and individuals through these difficult times in a responsible, fair, and compassionate way. To help provide some stability for businesses through this time of uncertainty, the [Office of the Superintendent of Financial Institutions \(OSFI\)](#) is lowering the Domestic Stability Buffer requirement, releasing more than \$300 billion of additional lending capacity for Canadian financial institutions.

Learn more

DESTINATION ONTARIO

A message from Destination Ontario: Virtual Ontario Content Request

We know these are difficult times and there is no doubt that the next while will be challenging for all. As we continue to navigate this rapidly evolving global situation, Destination Ontario is taking a thoughtful approach to our communications efforts. At this time, our regular marketing activities are paused. A priority, however, remains maintaining engagement with our significant social community.

Together we can bring this province into the homes of our community. We are reaching out today for *inspirational and/or entertaining consumer-facing tourism virtual experiences* that we might share with our community to enjoy from the safety of home.

Guidelines include:

- An Ontario-based experience.
- Available for Destination Ontario use, includes third-party talent and creative rights.
- Good for children, families and/or adults to enjoy.

Please send information to DO.info@ontario.ca, for editorial consideration, with details including the URL, social page, videos, photos, etc., and do let us know if you have any questions.

Remember to tag us at #DiscoverON with this kind of content as well as other content you are using to keep your communities engaged.

Rest assured that we here at Destination Ontario are all working and are accessible and available, so do not hesitate to reach out. We will do our very best to work through this together.

Health and safety are our top priorities as we continue to navigate this crisis, but we are committed to keeping connected to industry as well as actively planning for the future. As

your provincial tourism marketing organization, we are working hard to be ready for a quick and dynamic, market-by-market response, when the timing is right.

Help fight COVID-19

The province needs help from businesses and organizations who can supply medical products and provide innovations and ideas to support their response to COVID-19.



Supplies



Innovations



Ideas

[Learn how you can help ontario.ca/coronavirus](https://ontario.ca/coronavirus)



durham.ca/novelcoronavirus

Durham Health Connection Line | 905-668-2020 or 1-800-841-2729

How your organization can help fight Coronavirus

The Province of Ontario is seeking much needed emergency medical supplies and your ideas to assist in the response to COVID-19. Supplies needed include: ventilators, swabs, masks, gloves, gowns and eye protection. If your business or organization can contribute in anyway towards innovative solutions, business ideas, products or services, please follow the link below for more information.

[Learn more](#)

Webinars and online resources available to assist our business community



For up-to-date online resources webinars for businesses in Durham Region regarding government programs, services and supports available during the COVID-19 pandemic, please visit the [BACD Business Toolbox](#) and [Invest Durham](#).



#DurhamProud of Local Sport Community

Sport 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.

Here's just some of what we've seen over the last week.

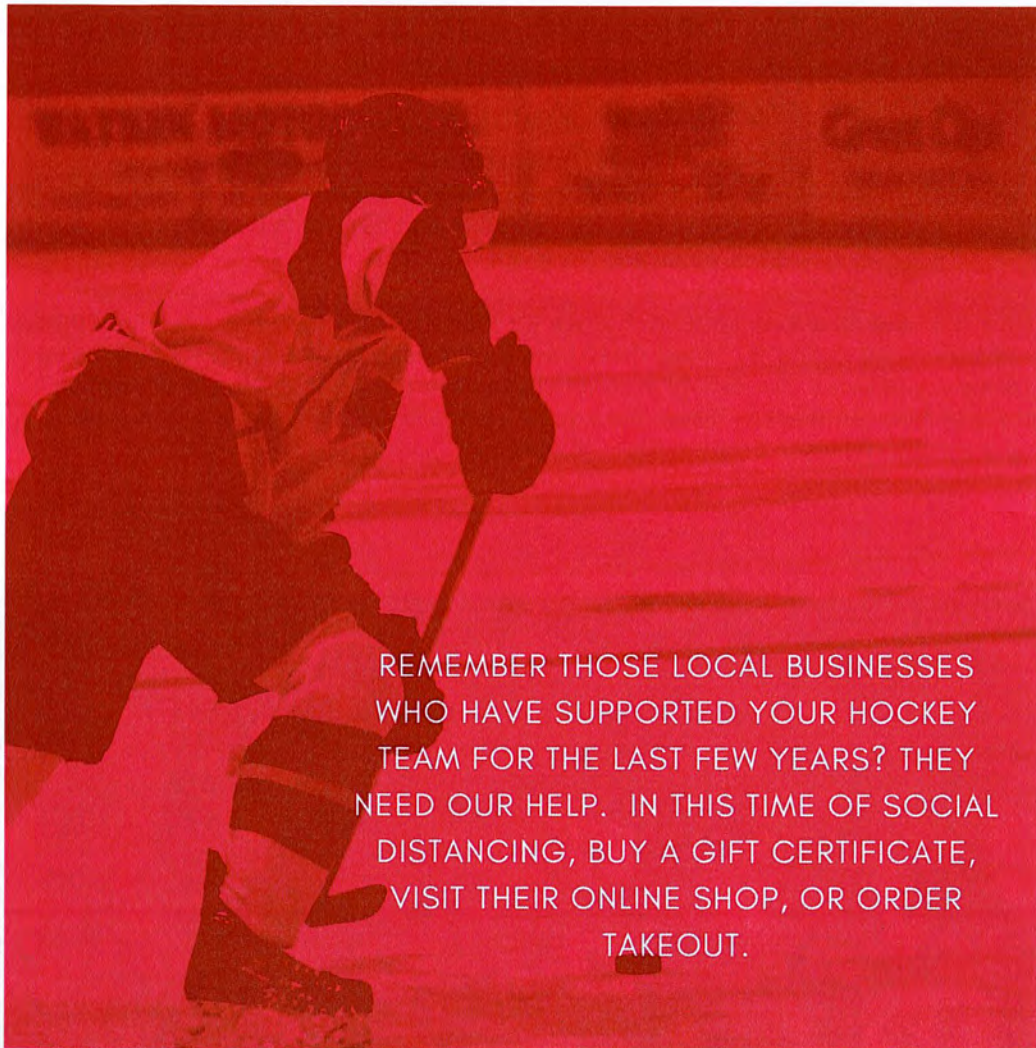
The [Pickering Football Club](#), [FC Durham Academy](#), [Ajax Soccer Club](#) and [Oshawa Kicks Soccer Club](#) have been posting challenges and videos to encourage their members and followers to stay active. Durham's soccer community was even featured in a [Global TV Durham](#) story. And, this week,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

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 1st Star of a game or scoring a goal as a Maple Leaf.

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!

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



REMEMBER THOSE LOCAL BUSINESSES WHO HAVE SUPPORTED YOUR HOCKEY TEAM FOR THE LAST FEW YEARS? THEY NEED OUR HELP. IN THIS TIME OF SOCIAL DISTANCING, BUY A GIFT CERTIFICATE, VISIT THEIR ONLINE SHOP, OR ORDER TAKEOUT.

Let's share some good news!



Durham brings home awards from Festival and Events Ontario (FEO)!

Congratulations to the City of Oshawa and Town of Whitby, who were honoured with 2020 Festivals and Events Ontario Achievement Awards this year!

- [Bright and Merry Market](#) – Best new festival or event (\$100,000 or less)
- [Bright and Merry Market](#) – Top 100 Festivals and Events in Ontario
- [Peony Festival](#) – Top 100 Festivals and Events in Ontario
- [Brooklin Harvest Festival](#) – Top 100 Festivals and Events in Ontario
- [Town of Whitby](#) – Best Volunteer Program

Festivals and events are an important driver for tourism in Durham Region—the popular Peony Festival, for example, brings more than 7,000 visitors to downtown Oshawa each year! A survey showed the festival brought visitors from across Canada (from British Columbia to New Brunswick); Ohio, New York, Pennsylvania, Michigan and Florida; as well as international visits from the Netherlands and China.

[View the full list of the Top 100 Festivals and Events in Ontario](#)

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Connect and engage with Durham Tourism and Sport Durham on our social media pages:



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FCM Communiqué: Major announcement: wage support for local business

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Major announcement: wage support for local business

FCM members,

Earlier today, the Prime Minister announced new steps that will deliver more relief to the front lines of the COVID-19 pandemic, this time to local businesses in our cities and communities.

The centrepiece is a **federal commitment to cover 75 percent of wages for qualifying businesses**, retroactive to March 15. This provides a critical lifeline to small- and medium-sized businesses—and the Canadians they employ—during this pandemic.

Local businesses are the backbone of our communities. For a growing number, this could be the difference that keeps people on payroll, supporting their families, and ready to drive Canada's economic recovery.

Read today's announcement here. We expect to learn details early next week.

FCM continues to engage the most senior decision-makers on what our communities need to tackle this pandemic. We are identifying priorities ranging from frontline medical supplies, to support for families and at-risk individuals, to financial and economic challenges at the local level.

As this crisis unfolds, we continue to see federal steps that align with our priorities. And you can count on FCM to continue working all-out to take your voice to the federal level.

Bill Karsten
FCM President



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COVID-19 response intensifies

All of you are now deeply engaged in responding to the COVID-19 crisis. Your work is critical, and FCM is here for you. We're convening local expertise, sharing tools, coordinating with the most senior federal decision-makers—and keeping you updated.

Highlights from the past seven days:

- On Wednesday, Parliament passed the **\$107 billion federal COVID-19 aid package** announced a week earlier—delivering much-needed assistance to ease new financial hardship for families,

workers, businesses and vulnerable populations in our cities and communities.

- We also made the heartbreaking but necessary decision to **cancel FCM’s 2020 Annual Conference and Trade Show**, scheduled for June 4-7 in Toronto. Our AC theme was *We Deliver*. And right now we’re all focused on delivering solutions to this public health and economic crisis.
- Thursday night was our **second regular call with the Deputy Prime Minister** and FCM leadership, including President Karsten. Focus areas included meeting public health supply needs, maintaining vital municipal services, bolstering at-risk local businesses, and supporting financially vulnerable Canadians.
- Friday featured the second crisis-response meeting of **FCM’s Rural Forum**. Rural leaders from across Canada shared their experiences from the front lines—and identified urgent priorities for upcoming direct engagement with the federal government.
- Friday also brought news that **the federal government will cover up to 75 percent of employee wages** for for qualifying businesses and charities. This new lifeline will keep more people on payroll—supporting their families and ready to drive our economic recovery on the road ahead.

Alongside regular Rural Forum and Big City Mayors' Caucus touchpoints, FCM leadership continues to coordinate with our provincial-territorial associations, a full range of federal departments/agencies, non-governmental stakeholders, and various municipal specialists (e.g. last week, a group of Chief Financial Officers).

In the words of FCM President Bill Karsten: *“Be strong, be kind, be safe. And please, stay home.”*

▶ **ALSO SEE: COVID-19 resources for municipalities**

NEWS

COVID-19 and homelessness: webinars

The Canadian Alliance to End Homelessness and its partners are putting together webinars on harm reduction and a COVID-19 response to people experiencing unsheltered homelessness. They will focus on outreach to homeless people and strategies for supporting people who use drugs when they are in self-isolation or social distancing. The webinars will take place on Wednesday, April 1 and Thursday, April 2.

▶ **REGISTER NOW**

Reminder: Nominations to the 2020 FCM Roll of Honour

Do you know a municipal champion who deserves national recognition? FCM's Roll of Honour is a great way to thank individuals for their dedication to local government. See the Terms of Reference for criteria and other information. Please submit your nominations to honour@fcm.ca by **Friday, April 3, 2020**.

 **LEARN MORE**

Report: Solid waste management in Canadian municipalities

One of the goals of FCM's Green Municipal Fund is to help municipalities avoid, recover and reuse waste through responsible resource management. This report provides a snapshot of the Canadian waste sector, focusing on replicable approaches and technologies that support this goal while providing economic, social and environmental benefits—like the City of Beaconsfield, QC's successful pay-as-you-throw (PAYT) system that resulted in cost savings of 40 percent to the municipality.

 **READ THE REPORT**

Ann MacLean Award for Outstanding Service

Celebrate women municipal politicians who have made an impact in your community with the Ann MacLean Award for Outstanding Service. This award recognizes retired women municipal politicians who have shown exemplary service and have mentored other women in local government. Nominations have been extended to May 1.

 **NOMINATE TODAY**

FCM TWEETS

Mar 26 : FCM will seek to intervene at the Supreme Court, as we did at the Court of Appeal, emphasizing that changing electoral boundaries in the midst of an election is an unconstitutional infringement on #CDNmuni democracy and voting rights. <https://bit.ly/33QG1u9>

Mar 27 : Local businesses employ millions of Canadians and are the backbone of our #CDNmuni. Thank you to PM @JustinTrudeau and the GoC for this bold step in supporting our residents and our economies. <https://bit.ly/2JmqXuZ> #COVID19

Mar 28 : Looking to get started with #AssetManagement? The Building Blocks of Asset Management guide helps #CDNmuni's in the early stages of building AM practices. Download the guide: <http://bit.ly/2yEAbNj>

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March 24, 2020

The Corporation of the Town of Bracebridge
1000 Taylor Court
Bracebridge ON P1L 1R6

Re: Support for Ban of Single-Use Disposable Wipes

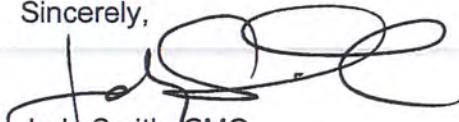
Please be advised the Council of the Municipality of Chatham-Kent at its regular meeting held on March 23, 2020 considered the aforementioned topic and subsequent to discussion, the following was resolved:

Moved by Councillor Latimer, Seconded by Councillor Finn

That Council send a letter of support with respect to the Town of Bracebridge's Council resolution to support the ban of single-use disposable wipes.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact Judy Smith at 519-360-1998 Ext # 3200.

Sincerely,



Judy Smith, CMO
Director Municipal Governance
Clerk /Freedom of Information Coordinator

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Right Honourable Prime Minister of Canada;
Honourable Premier of Ontario;
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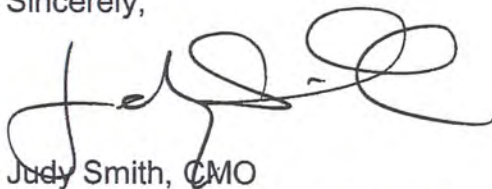
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If you have any questions or comments, please contact Judy Smith at 519-360-1998 Ext # 3200.

Sincerely,



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BREAKING NEWS

April 1, 2020

AMO Partners with Digital Mental Health Therapy Service Provider

April 1, 2020 – Toronto: The Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) is pleased to partner with BEACON, a service that delivers cognitive behavioural therapy (CBT) digitally, with one-on-one guidance of a registered therapist.

This partnership will help municipal governments offer employees and their families immediate access to quality mental health care through a convenient online platform.

While particularly relevant during the current COVID-19 crisis, the service is important at all times for improving access to mental health care. The platform by-passes the wait times and other barriers to receiving mental health support when needed. AMO has negotiated cost-effective pricing on behalf of municipal employers so they can put the service in place quickly and efficiently.

“We’ve partnered with BEACON to help our members provide proven, evidence-based therapy to their staff and their families quickly,” said AMO President Jamie McGarvey. “Supporting employee mental health is always an important responsibility, but certainly now more than ever – when so many municipal employees continue to provide front line services.”

BEACON is a digital CBT provider that has demonstrated successful mental health improvement with thousands of individuals across Canada. The service provides CBT through a user’s phone, tablet, or computer – from wherever and whenever she or he is most comfortable.

BEACON therapy is guided by a registered mental health professional to help build crucial lifelong resiliency skills. It helps people experiencing symptoms related to depression, anxiety, insomnia and posttraumatic stress.

“The heightened stresses related to COVID-19 have undoubtedly created risks to the mental health of all,” said Sam Duboc, MindBeacon Group CEO. “We’re pleased to provide Ontario’s municipal employees and families with high quality mental health care that’s easy to access, so they can function at their best through this time and beyond.”

The program also aligns with the province’s *Roadmap to Wellness: A Plan to Build Ontario’s Mental Health and Addictions System* which highlights implementing innovative solutions to expand the delivery of mental health and addiction services across Ontario.

About AMO

AMO is a non-profit organization representing almost all of Ontario’s 444 municipal governments. AMO supports strong and effective municipal government in Ontario and promotes the value of municipal government as a vital and essential component 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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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

FCM Canada's voice of local government



Together, we'll beat this

COVID-19 has turned our lives upside down. We're all facing public health and economic challenges unlike anything we've seen in our lifetimes. And right across the country, municipal leaders are mobilizing fast to keep Canadians safe, protect essential services, and support businesses.

I've had many conversations with members in recent weeks, and I'm inspired by your steadfast leadership—especially your commitment to looking after your most vulnerable residents. There is simply no roadmap for this. These are unprecedented times, with realities shifting by the hour. Your dedication to public service is more critical than ever, and I'm so grateful for it.

What's emerging from this pandemic is the best in community resilience and compassion. We see it in the doctors and nurses who risk their lives to save others. We see it in the bus drivers, garbage collectors and water treatment workers who keep vital municipal services going. We see it in everyone who picks up groceries for a senior, offers words of encouragement to a friend, and does their part by just staying home.

This will be the hardest thing most of us have ever faced. But one thing I know is this: if our communities are where this challenge is unfolding—our communities are also where it'll be defeated.

FCM is here for you

Since day one, FCM has been working directly with the federal government to strengthen Canada's pandemic response. We've established open lines of communication with key departments and agencies—including some of Canada's most senior decision-makers—to ensure you have tools to cope and respond.

Deputy Prime Minister Chrystia Freeland connects directly with FCM through regular conference calls on local challenges—from medical supply shortages to at-risk residents to strained local finances. And with municipalities well-placed to deliver stimulus funding quickly and efficiently, we’re exploring how investing directly in communities—in infrastructure, housing and more—can kick-start Canada’s economic recovery.

Beyond Ottawa, FCM is helping to coordinate local response efforts nationwide, along with our provincial/territorial association partners, FCM’s Rural Forum and our Big City Mayors’ Caucus. Through those venues, FCM members are making an essential and continuing national impact.

In all my years with FCM, I’ve never seen this level of municipal–federal engagement. Working together is so important right now—and our deep engagement really speaks to the vital role municipal leaders play in protecting Canadians. It also speaks to FCM’s ability to unite, convene and advocate for communities of all sizes. In these challenging times, I’m proud to be a part of it.

As you’ve heard by now, we’ve also made the decision to [cancel this year’s annual conference](#). Like many of you, we love our conference—so this was a tough call to make. But it’s absolutely the right one. Our conference theme was We Deliver. Right now, delivering means protecting our participants and community—while staying focused on supporting Canadians through this pandemic.

The road ahead is long, my friends. At every step of the way, FCM will be here for you. We’re in this together—and we’ll get through it together. Be strong, be kind, be safe. And please, stay home.



Bill Karsten is a councillor for the Halifax Regional Municipality, NS. He was elected FCM President in June, 2019.

SEND ME YOUR THOUGHTS

Please send me your comments. I would love to hear from you.

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La présente communication est en anglais et en français. Le message en français se trouve immédiatement après la version anglaise.

Dear Stakeholder:

I am writing to let you know effective today, the administration of the Line Fences Act (Act) has transitioned from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing (MMAH) to the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs (OMAFRA).

As OMAFRA is tasked with specifically supporting agriculture and rural affairs in Ontario, it makes sense for the administration of this Act to be the responsibility of the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs.

OMAFRA also administers other Acts that support the sector and works with farmers and municipalities on a variety of files and has a proven track record in helping farmers and rural residents to find and build solutions to a variety of challenges they face.

We have worked closely with MMAH to ensure a seamless transition of the administration of the Act to OMAFRA. We will ensure the Act continues to be administered in an effective and efficient way. If you have any questions, please call the Agriculture Information Contact Centre: at 1-877-424-1300 or by email at: ag.info.omafra@ontario.ca.

We look forward to continuing to work with your organization on this and

other matters.

Sincerely,

Carolyn Hamilton
Director, Rural Programs Branch
Economic Development Division
Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs

Madame, Monsieur,

Je désire vous informer qu'à compter d'aujourd'hui, l'administration de la *Loi sur les clôtures de bornage* (la Loi) est passée du ministère des Affaires municipales et du Logement (MAML) au ministère de l'Agriculture, de l'Alimentation et des Affaires rurales de l'Ontario (MAAARO).

Comme le MAAARO est chargé de soutenir spécifiquement l'agriculture et les affaires rurales en Ontario, il paraît sensé que l'administration de cette loi relève du ministre de l'Agriculture, de l'Alimentation et des Affaires rurales.

Le MAAARO administre également d'autres lois qui soutiennent le secteur et travaille avec les agriculteurs et les municipalités sur de multiples dossiers. Il a fait ses preuves en aidant les agriculteurs et les résidents des régions rurales à trouver et à élaborer des solutions à de nombreux défis auxquels ils doivent faire face.

Nous avons travaillé en étroite collaboration avec le MAML pour assurer une transition sans heurts de l'administration de la Loi au MAAARO. Nous veillerons à ce que l'administration de la Loi se poursuive de manière efficace et efficiente. Si vous avez des questions, veuillez communiquer avec le Centre d'information agricole par téléphone au 1 877 424-1300 ou par courriel à ag.info.omafra@ontario.ca.

Nous espérons de continuer à travailler avec votre organisation sur ce sujet et sur d'autres questions.

Sincères salutations,

Carolyn Hamilton
Directrice, Direction des programmes pour les collectivités rurales
Division du développement économique
Ministère de l'Agriculture, de l'Alimentation et des Affaires rurales

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POLICY UPDATE

March 31, 2020

AMO COVID-19 Update: Ontario Extends COVID-19 Emergency and Closes Outdoor Recreational Amenities

On March 30, 2020 Ontario Premier Doug Ford [announced](#) that the Province had extended the March 17 Emergency Declaration under the *Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act*. Emergency declarations under the Act are for two weeks with two-week extensions. Extended also are all associated orders including the closure of non-essential workplaces and limiting social gatherings greater than five people.

In announcing the declaration, the Premier announced new orders to close outdoor recreational amenities such as sports fields, playgrounds, basketball courts, picnic areas, park shelters, community and condo gardens, and others. The order builds on local municipal government action and makes it consistent across Ontario.

Green spaces in parks, trails and ravines can remain open for pass-through access, but visitors must continue to practice social/physical distancing. Enforcement of these closure orders can be carried out at the discretion of municipal by-law officers.

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.

Deena Hunt

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Keeping you updated on COVID-19

The COVID-19 pandemic is an unprecedented public health and economic challenge, and local leaders are on the front lines. To support your local responses, FCM is working on many fronts—from convening local expertise to coordinating with the most senior federal decision-makers. The PCP team through FCM, ICLEI Canada and our [Regional Climate Advisors](#) will continue to be here offering virtual support for you to learn and connect as your local situation allows.

FCM has assembled a list of [COVID-19 tools and resources for municipalities](#)—in consultation with their members, the Public Health Agency of Canada, and other federal agencies and departments. They will update this list as new information becomes available, so be sure to check it regularly.

Make the most out of the PCP Hub

Stay connected and learn about PCP news and upcoming events by setting up a recurring digest sent to you via email. Through the Hub, PCP members can get summary updates on a weekly, bi-weekly or monthly basis — they decide — by signing up for the digest in their own accounts.

The PCP Hub provides an accessible, online forum for municipalities to share knowledge and best practices, and a direct communication option to access expert support from the PCP team and our Regional Climate Advisors. Follow discussion threads for topics such as “how to conduct an emissions inventory” or “funding opportunities,” as well as regular articles on innovations and other important climate-protection topics.

Members can set up their recurring digest emails by clicking [this link](#).



Meet the 2020 PCP Climate Heroes

Introducing Andrew Duffield and Amber Zirnhelt, part of our PCP Climate Heroes 2020 series.

Andrew is the Director of Sustainable Development at the City of Beaconsfield, QC. He can tell you about his experience in:

- Engaging and communicating with citizens
- Using technology in his daily life
- Improving municipal infrastructure and natural assets

Amber is the Long-Range Planning and Sustainability Manager at the City of Campbell River, BC. She can tell you about her experience in:

- Long-range planning
- Coordination and facilitation of climate change, energy efficiency and waste reduction projects
- Engagement of city council in decision-making processes

Want to learn more about these PCP members and the expertise they bring to their communities? Read [Andrew](#) and [Amber's](#) profiles and give them a call.

Don't miss your chance to apply for FCM's Sustainable Communities Awards

It's not too late to nominate your municipality's sustainability initiative for [FCM's 2020 Sustainable Communities Awards](#).

As the COVID-19 pandemic continues to impact communities across the country, we are extending the deadline by one month to **Thursday, April 30, 2020** at 11:59 p.m. EDT. Individuals who intend to apply for the awards, but who will not be able to do so by the original deadline of March 31, should **contact us** to confirm their intent to apply.

Winners will have the opportunity to present at FCM's 2020 Sustainable Communities Conference, taking place October in St. John's, NL.

Don't miss your chance to nominate your project. [Learn more and apply](#) today.

Learn how to calculate GHG reductions for projects with our new PCP resource

Wondering how to measure and report on the energy savings and greenhouse gas (GHG) reductions you're getting from your municipality's climate change and energy efficiency initiatives? Read the [guide, *Quantifying greenhouse gas reductions at the project level*](#), to learn how to measure GHGs, calculate reductions and overcome challenges in the process. The guide details examples of different types of projects across North America and shows you where you can find more information.



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Township of Georgian Bay, Ontario, M2 (both)
City of Brantford, Ontario, M1 (both)
City of Timmins, Ontario, M2 (both)
Town of Portugal Cove-St. Philip's, Newfoundland & Labrador, M1 (corp)
Town of Stephenville, Newfoundland & Labrador, M1 (corp)
Town of Okotoks, Alberta, M1-M2 (both)
County of Haliburton, Ontario, M1 (corp)
County of Huron, Ontario, M1 (corp)
Tay Valley Township, Ontario, M1 (corp)
Seguin Township, Ontario, M1 (corp)
City of St. Albert, Alberta, M5 (both)
City of St. John's, Newfoundland & Labrador, M1 (comm)
Township of Otonabee-South Monaghan, Ontario, M4-5 (corp)
MRC de Vaudreuil-Soulanges, Quebec, M2-3 (both)
City of Corner Brook, Newfoundland & Labrador, M3 (both)
Township of The Archipelago, Ontario, M1 (corp)
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For more information about the corporate and community streams, see the [PCP Milestone Framework](#).



WEBINAR: [NB-PEI Municipal Working Group](#)

WEBINAR: [Establishing Municipal GHG Reduction Targets](#)

WEBINAR: [Closing the Loop Guide](#)

See all scheduled events in the [PCP Hub](#).



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AMO COVID-19 Resources

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.

Over the last few weeks, AMO has been hosting webinars to support members in communications during COVID-19, and guidance for council meetings with electronic attendance. These are now available on AMO's [COVID-19 Resources page](#) under the AMO Podcasts and Webinars tab.

AMO Matters

Municipal Act and the *City of Toronto Act* amendments now permit councils, council committees, and local boards to meet virtually during a municipal or provincial emergency. [Learn how AMO's digital meeting management partner, eSCRIBE](#), can help your municipality implement electronic meetings so that elected officials and staff can meet virtually and interact through the platform.

If your municipality has an innovative approach to service delivery and partnerships that have improved capital and/or operating efficiency, submit your [Peter J. Marshall Municipal Innovation Award entry](#) by May 1 for committee review.

[Register today](#) for an AMO Webinar Update on the Blue Box Program, Wednesday, April 8 from 2:00 - 3:30 pm. For more information, contact [Amber Crawford](#).

As COVID-19 impacts ways of working, Notarius' electronic signatures are helping municipalities ensure business continuity and work remotely efficiently. AMO members can try the [Business 5 version](#) of their e-signature platform ConsignO Cloud free for 60 days. This includes 5 users, unlimited signature projects and signers. Contact [Marc St-Jacques](#) for details.

Provincial Matters

The consultation period for MNR's Regulatory Proposal entitled *Proposed amendments to O. Reg. 244/97 and the Aggregate Resources of Ontario Provincial Standards under the Aggregate Resources Act on the Environmental Registry*, number 019-1303, has been extended from March 30 to **May 15, 2020**.

Eye on Events

AMO monitors all COVID-19 developments and will advise members of changes to the Annual Conference as they emerge. Please contact Poonam Ruparelia with questions. Visit the AMO website for updates, details and registration information.

Recognizing how quickly things are changing in the environment of COVID-19, and in appreciation of our valued exhibitors, AMO is extending the exhibitor cancellation deadline. We are committed to taking every step necessary to ensure the health and safety of those attending our conference. Exhibitor information can be found here.

The OSUM Executive is pleased to announce that the this year's OSUM Conference has been moved to 2021 and will be held in Brant County. OSUM 2020 - *Springtime in Paris* - was cancelled due to COVID-19. Refunds for this year's event are being processed. Contact events@amo.on.ca.

ONE Investment

Access our brand new website with the latest information! HISA Rate Update: The Bank of Canada has made a third emergency interest rate cut in response to COVID-19 hit on the economy that has reduced the Bank Prime Rate to 2.45%. New effective rate for HISA is 0.915% (based on Bank Prime Rate less 1.535%) as of March 30, 2020.

LAS

Did you know that since 2015, LAS has helped municipalities to save over **\$300,000** in energy/maintenance cost savings? Take advantage of our turn-key Facility Lighting Service to upgrade your old light fixtures to LED. Contact Christian Tham today for a free proposal.

Energy treasure hunts are just one of the favorite things about our custom Energy Training Workshops. And all workshops qualify for up to 75% SaveONenergy incentives. Don't wait - book your 2020 workshop with LAS and Stephen Dixon today. Contact Christian Tham for more details.

Spring is here! Pollinators are the hidden heroes who keep our gardens green and our grocery store full. Check out the LAS Blog to learn more about pollinators, and find out how your municipality can be a welcoming host to these tiny superheroes.

Webinar April 8 @ 10am - The Capital Purchasing offering through our Municipal Group Buying Program uses Sourcewell for products - from tractors and fire trucks to rentals and facility equipment. Join us to learn more about Sourcewell, their processes and how this offering works. Register here.

Webinar April 22 @ 10am - The Municipal Group Buying Program started in Alberta and has been adopted for municipalities by their Associations nationwide. Join LAS

and RMA for a deep dive on the procurement and set up of a wide range of offerings in this program. [Register here](#).

Careers

[Director of Information Technology Services - City of Brantford](#). Job ID# 1036. Reports to: General Manager, Corporate Services/City Treasurer. To apply online, please visit [City of Brantford Careers](#) and click on Current Opportunities. Closing date for applications: Thursday, April 23, 2020, at 4:30 p.m.

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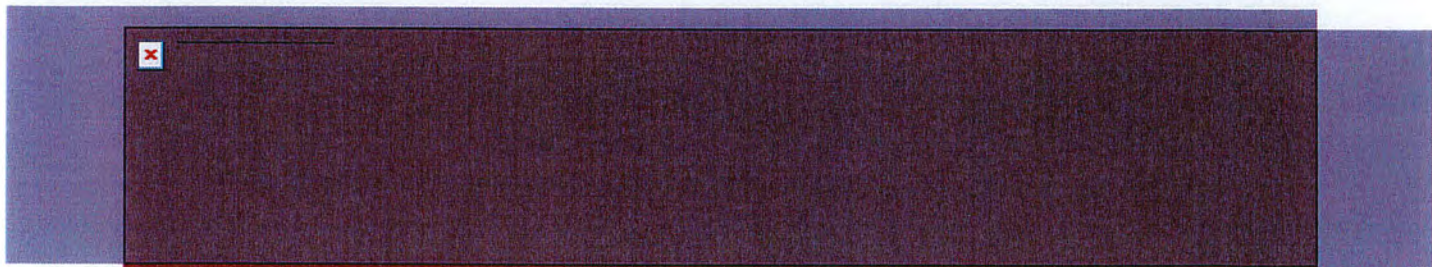



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Update: Income supports for municipal employees

FCM Members,

Yesterday, the Prime Minister and Minister of Finance announced further details of the new **Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy**. This program will provide wage subsidies of up to 75 percent to help qualifying employers retain and pay workers during the COVID-19 pandemic.

While this will provide critical support to many of our local businesses, yesterday's announcement confirmed that **publicly funded employers—including governments and Crown corporations—are not eligible for this new wage subsidy.**

In the immediate term, available income support options include:

- ▶ Public sector employees are eligible to apply for the **Canada Emergency Response Benefit** (CERB). It provides \$2,000 monthly for qualifying Canadians—including those who have lost their job due to COVID-19, are sick or quarantined, or who must stay home to care for dependents.
- ▶ Provinces continue to announce new income supports (direct and through employers) for workers who have lost significant income due to COVID-19. Consult FCM's **COVID-19 resources page** for a list of known programs.

In every part of this country, local leaders are taking urgent steps to keep people safe, protect essential services, maintain business operations, and support local residents and businesses. To continue this vital work, municipalities require immediate, direct financial support from provincial and federal governments.

FCM is working at full steam to convey local priorities directly to key federal decision-makers. Those include municipalities' urgent financial needs and pressures resulting from COVID-19—as both employers and providers of essential community services.

We will continue to keep you updated, and we honour your incredible efforts on the ground.

Bill Karsten
FCM President



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From: Larry Millard <lmillard@peace-tel.com>
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Dear Mayor Bath-Hadden,

In light of the current **COVID-19** pandemic and the need to improve broadband infrastructure to support home working, home teaching and to facilitate the protection of citizen’s mental and physical health, PeaceTel Networks is now focusing exclusively on the emergency construction and deployment of our broadband networks. This is the same last-mile solution being used for the 154 communities on the Connected Coast network in British Columbia albeit with rapid design and deployment.

As you will see in the document attached, our industry-leading approach to hybrid-fibre-wireless networks enables PeaceTel Networks to connect homes in rural and urban locations. Our wireless broadband solution helps bridge the digital divide and extend coverage at a fraction of the cost and time of fibre-to-the-premises projects. **Our networks can be constructed within 12-24 weeks.**

In light of **COVID-19** and the need to support/protect citizens at this vulnerable time (and on an ongoing basis thereafter), do you need to increase geographical coverage, increase network capacity and/or improve user speeds for your local population? While this is an unfortunate time for local and regional governments, it provides an excellent opportunity for community leaders to take action to help your citizens transition to a new era of home-based living, learning and working.

I would be happy to set up a quick call to discuss how PeaceTel Networks can support your community.

Kind regards,

Larry

Larry Millard
 Chairman & CEO | [PeaceTel Networks](#)

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Emergency Broadband Network

Emergency Installation of the Smart Communities Network

A network diagram consisting of white dots (nodes) connected by thin white lines (edges) on a black background, forming a complex web of connections, mirroring the diagram at the top of the page.

A network diagram background consisting of white nodes connected by thin white lines, forming a complex web-like structure. The nodes are of varying sizes and are distributed across the left and bottom portions of the page.

01 Introduction

ABOUT OUR SMART COMMUNITIES NETWORK

PeaceTel Networks' Smart Communities Network is a fully integrated modular network solution that is much more than just superfast broadband.

Each Smart Communities Network is designed around the specific needs of the community and the strategic objectives of the local municipal government.

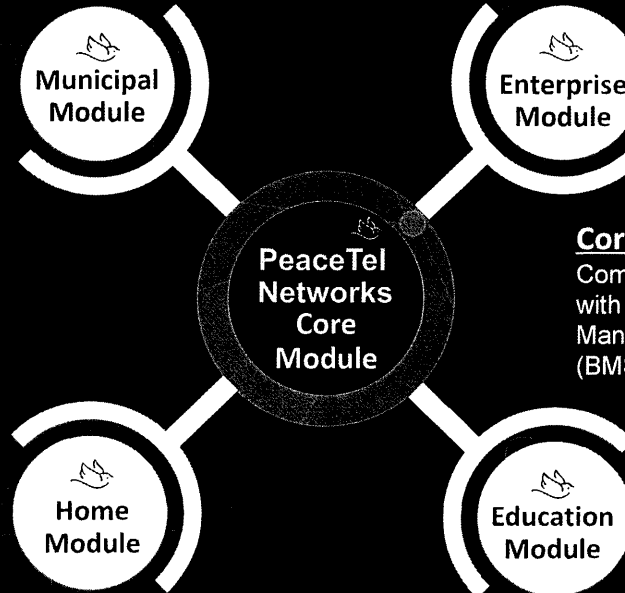
In light of the Covid-19 pandemic and the high network requirements to support home workers and home teaching for school children, PeaceTel Networks has introduced an emergency quick-build installation of our network.

Each network can be designed and costed in a matter of days and once a municipality places an order, an entire regional network can be built within a period of 12-24 weeks.

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Municipal Module

Wide range of smart communities applications and integrations, e.g. public WiFi spots, traffic management systems, video surveillance systems, energy monitoring, sustainability management, disaster management integrations and citizen notification systems



Enterprise Module

High-speed internet access for enterprises. A wide range of tools and supports for enterprises including support for home-workers, coworking spaces, innovation centres, training hubs, enterprise ecosystems and tourism portals

Core Module

Comprises the core PeaceTel Networks broadband network with speeds of up to 1GB/s. Also includes Network Management System (NMS), Backhaul Management System (BMS) and Emergency Broadband Network (EBN)

Home Module

High-speed broadband internet for home owners, along with ease of registration and payment. The Home Module also includes the home access equipment and network access protocols for home-based users

Education Module

Free broadband access for every school in the community along with a range of education support tools and emergency home teaching solutions in case of prolonged school closures



High-Speed Backhaul

This is the core broadband network with end-user speeds (backhaul permitting) of up to 1GB/s. This is configured to provide the fastest speeds possible for each community



Emergency Rapid Deployment Network

The emergency rapid deployment network that can be designed, planned and built in a matter of weeks. It can be integrated with existing or new backhaul infrastructure including fibre, satellite and PTP



Network Management System (NMS)

The NMS is the core management system for the entire network, including all devices, systems and sub-networks. The NMS guarantees accurate monitoring and control of network performance



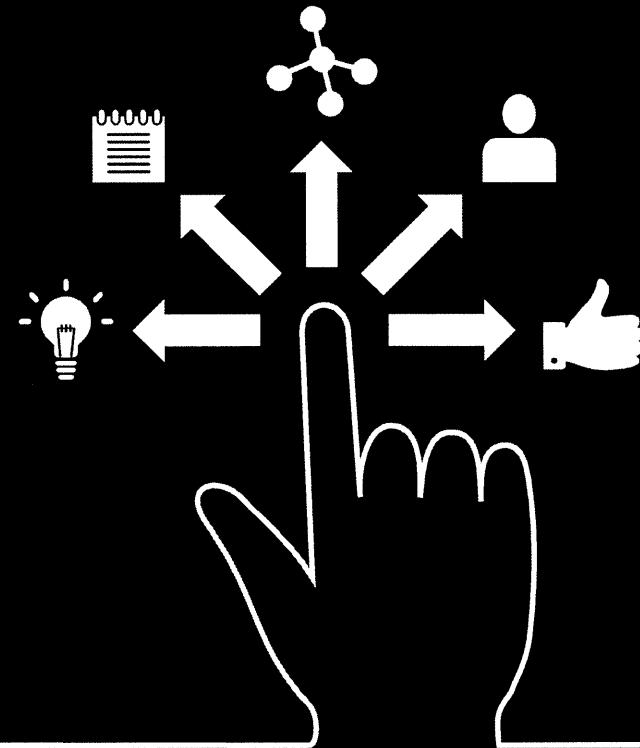
Network Management System (NMS)

The BMS is a software-defined system that is used to maximise the efficiency of backhaul networks and to optimise the efficiency of the PeaceTel Networks Smart Community Network



Network Expansion

PeaceTel Networks has the ability to add layers of backhaul infrastructure to meet growing network demand or to address urgent network deployments





Smart City Applications and Smart Devices

The Municipal Module brings all smart city applications and smart devices together in one system. This enables a unified view of all smart devices and systems, e.g. traffic, surveillance, power grid, etc.



Smart Communities Network

The Smart Communities Network enables the municipality to monitor the grid and to identify power outages in real time, pinpointing precise locations and properties affected by the outage



Network Management

The Municipal Module enables the municipal team to manage network bandwidth and network devices across the entire municipal estate. Functionality includes network alarm systems and team notifications



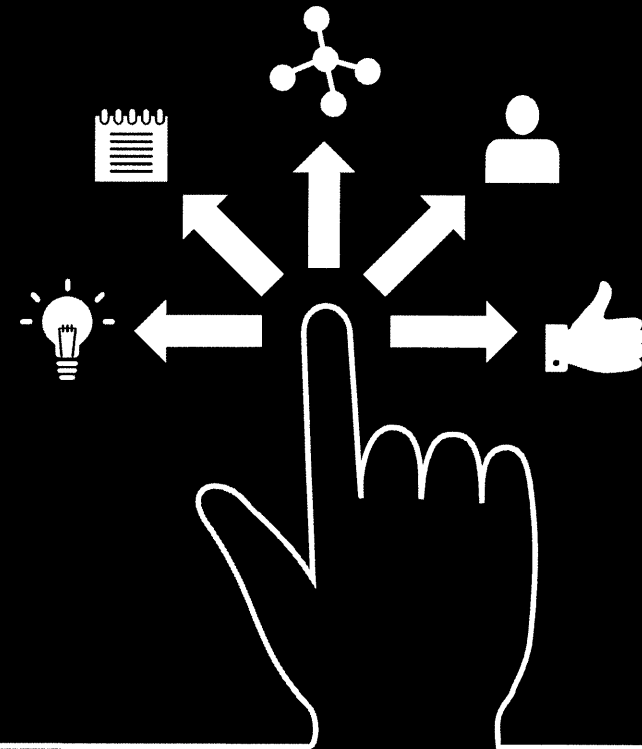
Emergency Services and Disaster Management

The integration of monitoring devices, emergency systems and disaster management strategies should be undertaken as early as possible and should be configured as a core functionality of the network



CRM Functionality

The Smart Communities Network has embedded CRM functionality that can be configured to provide emergency and non-emergency citizen notifications using various platforms, networks and devices





Ultra-speed WiFi capabilities

Speeds of up to 1GB/s broadband will attract top tech companies and knowledge-based enterprises from across Canada and internationally



Home-based workers

Prioritised network allocation for home-based tech workers and for top companies. This supports an emerging trend for companies to have higher % of employees who are home-based



Co-working spaces

Creating local coworking spaces, either in coffee shops or municipal offices will provide enormous support for SME's, especially when integrated with PeaceTel Networks' WiFi hubs



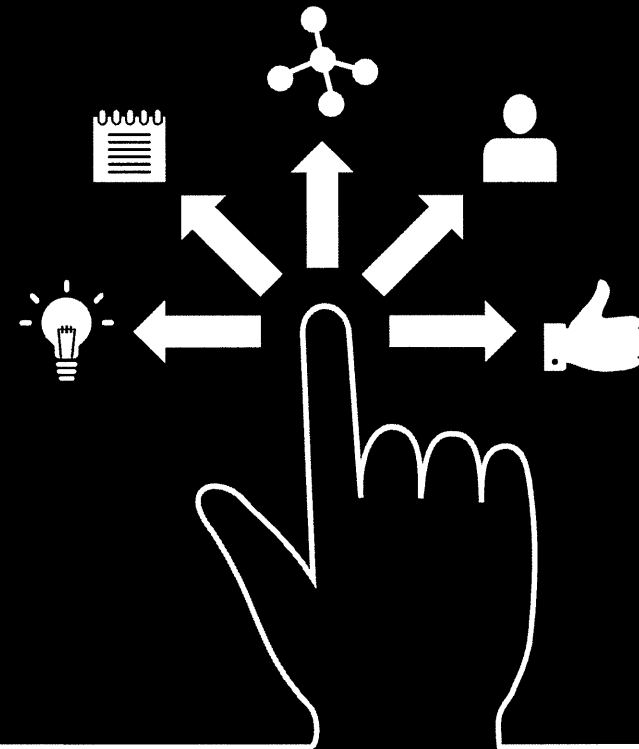
Public WiFi spots

Transform any public building, public space, park or campground by providing a free public WiFi spot. Public WiFi enables workers to work remotely from multiple locations in the community



Tourism portal

Attract more visitors to the region by bringing all local enterprises together in a tourism portal and generate online bookings for restaurants, hotels, campgrounds and other tourist destinations





Smart Communities Network

Each Smart Communities Network is designed to optimize the broadband speeds for home users. Backhaul permitting, it is possible to provide speeds well in excess of 100MB/s



Broadband Registration

The broadband registration process for home-owners is simple and takes minutes to complete. There are no credit checks and new customers can be up and running very quickly



Remote Diagnostics

Remote diagnostics of home broadband equipment, with software enabled spectrum reallocation. This enables prompt and efficient troubleshooting and helps to quickly resolve network problems



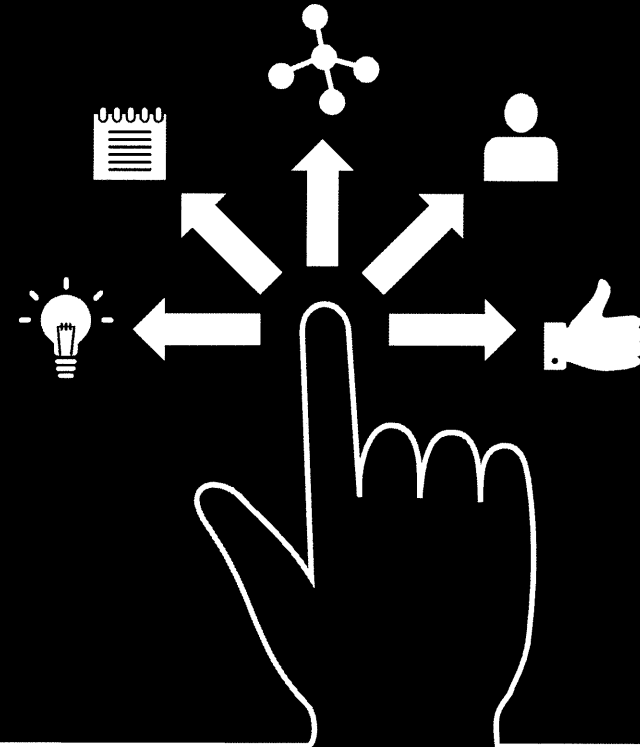
High Performance Residential Equipment

PeaceTel Networks has been working with original equipment manufacturers to increase performance and reduce the cost of residential equipment



Superfast Broadband

Superfast broadband speeds enable uninterrupted streaming of 4k TV content, IPTV content and streaming solutions such as Netflix and Amazon Prime Video





Free Broadband Connections

As part of its core commitment to education, PeaceTel Networks provides a free broadband connection for every school in the community. This ensures all schools are connected with the latest edutech applications



Emergency Education Tools

PeaceTel Networks provides access to a suite of emergency education tools which teachers can use for online classroom education to homebased children during prolonged periods of school closures



Established Coding Clubs

PeaceTel Networks works with a number of established coding club organisations to ensure children can learn and practice their coding skills, thereby providing increased access to future career opportunities



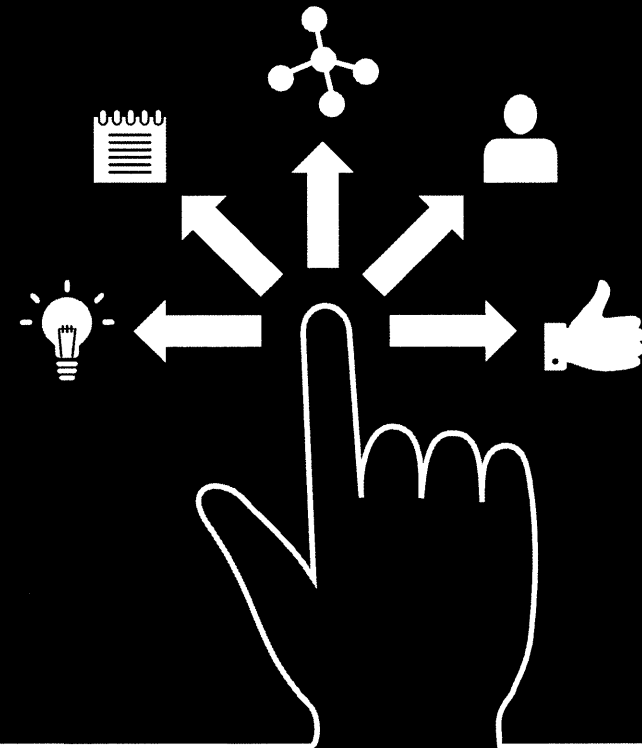
School Applications

PeaceTel Networks works with a number of companies specialising in school management applications and education tools. This enables children and teachers to access the latest education tools



Increased Network Speeds

PeaceTel Networks has the ability to increase school network speeds during school hours and during school coding clubs. For special technology events, speeds can be increased even further

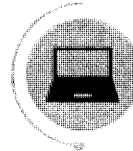


Your Community Prepared and Protected



Smart Gigabit Community

High-speed broadband network with speeds of up to 1GB/s



Support for Home Workers

Empower your citizens to work from home and provide them with superfast broadband access to support their employment and self-employment at this critical time



Free School Broadband

Free high-speed broadband for every school in the community along with free education tools for online teaching of homebased students during school closures



Public WiFi

Free WiFi in public locations, parks, campgrounds and tourist spots



Local Economic Resilience

Support the retention of existing jobs and create exciting opportunities for the creation of new technology-based jobs. Enable existing companies to change to a technology-based business model, thereby ensuring the continuation of the local economy.

Unified Municipal Network

Unite all of the municipality's network, devices and services into a unified easy-to-manage municipal interface, supported by PeaceTel Networks 24/7

Emergency Response

In light of the global Covid-19 pandemic, for Q1/Q2 2020 PeaceTel Networks will only be conducting emergency installations of our networks. If your municipality or region requires an emergency broadband network and you have the funding available for such a network then please let one of our team know and we will provide a preliminary costing.

Your Emergency Broadband Network

Network Design Weeks 1-2

PeaceTel's project team works with the municipal team to establish the network requirements and design the network accordingly. This includes liaising with other stakeholders as required for such an infrastructure project.

Logistics Weeks 2-6

PeaceTel Networks schedules the manufacturing of our advanced communications equipment and we arrange shipping to the municipality. PeaceTel's engineers are dispatched to the region. Local engineers are recruited and trained.

Network Build Weeks 6-12

PeaceTel's engineers construct the network according to the network plan, prioritising the immediate needs of the municipality / community.

Customer Registrations Weeks 12 onwards

PeaceTel's customer service teams facilitate the easy registration of broadband customers and we provide simple-to-use online ordering processes and payment solutions.

Emergency Funding

PeaceTel Networks can help fund your new network

50%

PeaceTel Networks can support your community by providing emergency funding of up to 50% of the total project cost. Please ask your PeaceTel Networks contact for more information



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Deena Hunt

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Join the campaign: Let's show how #DurhamStrong our community is

Whitby, Ontario –The Region of Durham is highlighting the incredible stories of community resiliency and kindness as we all continue to do our part to fatten the curve of COVID-19.

The #DurhamStrong campaign celebrates all the positive and inspirational stories from across the region: sidewalks chalked with inspiring messages and art, thank-you messages for front-line workers, neighbours dropping off groceries and other necessities, and people doing their part to practise social distancing and stay home.

All Durham residents are invited to join in and help spread love, kindness and encouragement to all homes and workplaces in Durham.

Here's how you can take part:

- Show how you're spreading kindness in the community by using #DurhamStrong on social media. Post your photos and tag @RegionofDurham on Facebook or Twitter. The Region is resharing these posts with #DurhamStrong.
- Add the #DurhamStrong Facebook frame to your profile picture or Facebook stories to help spread the word. Select your profile picture to add a frame, and search #DurhamStrong or 'Durham Region' to add it to your profile.
- Download the Region of Durham's free Facebook and Twitter cover photos to help promote social distancing.
- Keep doing your part to flatten the curve: practise social distancing and stay home. Wash your hands and avoid touching your face.

Follow the Region of Durham on Facebook or Twitter to join the conversation and see how your friends, family and neighbours are staying #DurhamStrong.

Quotes

"Thank you for your strong response to help us all overcome the COVID-19 global pandemic. Our community has really come together to do what is needed, and to help those who are most vulnerable, during this emergency. Together we are #DurhamStrong."

- John Henry, Regional Chair and Chief Executive Officer

“Durham Region is here for you. Our staff are working hard to deliver the essential services you and your family need. I want you to know that your messages of kindness for the important work they’re doing are so appreciated, and are lifting all of our spirits through this challenging time.”

- Elaine Baxter-Trahair, Chief Administrative Officer

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RE: Support for Ministers to allow for Electronic Delegations

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Please be advised that the Council of the Municipality of Grey Highlands, at its meeting held March 4, 2020, passed the following resolution:

2020-192

Moved by Dane Nielsen, Seconded by Cathy Little

That Council receive the resolution from the Township of Puslinch related to support of Electronic Delegations; and

That Grey Highlands sends a letter of support in principle with respect to the Township of Greater Madawaska's Council resolution calling for electronic delegations for small and rural municipalities as this Provincial Government has requested municipalities be respectful of taxpayers' money, and that the technology has improved to a state where this can and should be done; and

**That this letter be circulated to all Ministers of the Provincial and Federal government and all Ontario Municipalities.
CARRIED.**

As per the above resolution, please accept a copy of this correspondence for your information and consideration.

Sincerely,

Jerri-Lynn Levitt

Jerri-Lynn Levitt
Deputy Clerk
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Dear Minister Rickford:

RE: KINGSVILLE COUNCIL REQUEST FOR ELECTRICITY BILLING RELIEF DURING COVID-19

At its Regular Meeting held on March 23, 2020 Council of the Town of Kingsville passed the following Resolution:

“Res. 256-2020 That Council support sending a letter to the Minister of Energy, Greg Rickford to provide hydro billing relief during the quarantine period as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. And that this letter be sent to the Ontario Energy Board, the Premier, our local Member of Parliament T. Natyshak, and all Ontario Municipalities.”

CARRIED

The billing relief requested is in addition to the government’s recent suspension of time-of-use rates. Thank you for your consideration of Council’s request at the earliest possible time.

The Town would like to acknowledge and thank the Province for their work that effectively provided for the hydro rate relief on March 24, 2020 that our municipality and many others were seeking during these challenging times.

Yours very truly,

Sandra Kitchen
Deputy Clerk/Council Services
Corporate Services Department

cc: The Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
cc: Ontario Energy Board
cc: Taras Natyshak, MPP
cc: All Ontario Municipalities

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