



Media Release

For Immediate Release

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The Township of Perth East's top priority is to ensure the health and safety of our residents, visitors and staff. In response to the recent announcement from the Province of Ontario regarding the increase in COVID cases province-wide, a number of adjustments are being made to Municipal services as follows:

1. The Perth East Recreation Complex and Shakespeare Optimist Hall will be closed to the public effective Wednesday January 5, 2022 at 12:01 a.m. All recreation programs will also be cancelled until further notice and pending further direction from the Province. The Township will be assessing options for alternative programming which can be delivered in accordance with the new requirements.
2. Fire response, prevention and education services will continue with modifications to staff deployment to meet the new requirements.
3. Water and Wastewater, Landfill and Road Operations will continue with the measures that are currently in place. We continue to recommend that residents use curbside pickup services and limit trips to the landfill.
4. Building permit and inspection services are continuing with modifications as necessary to meet the new requirements. General inquiries and requests to book or cancel an appointment should be sent to nharloff@pertheast.ca.
5. The Perth East Public Library will remain open for visits and computer use at 50% capacity during regular open hours: Monday 9 am – 1 pm, Tuesday-Thursday 12-8pm and Saturday 9am – 1pm. Online resources remain available through the Library's website: pertheastpl.ca as well as curbside service.
6. Council, Board and Committee meetings will proceed virtually as scheduled. For more information, please contact Municipal staff at 519-595-2800 or view the Council Calendar at pertheast.ca.
7. The Municipal Office is closed to the public until further notice. Staff will continue to be available via phone and email while continuing to work remotely when possible. The Township encourages residents to make payments for Property Taxes, Utilities and Accounts Receivable invoices through online banking, at your financial institution, by mail or by using the drop box at the front of the municipal office.

Public access to the municipal office is subject to appointment only. Please call 519-595-2800 to book an appointment. Active COVID Screening will be required for any in-person services requiring entry to the municipal office.

Additional information regarding municipal services and a staff directory can be found online www.pertheast.ca.

Individuals who have questions or concerns regarding COVID-19 should consult the Huron Perth Public Health website: <https://www.hpph.ca> or the Ontario website: <https://covid-19.ontario.ca>

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