

EMERGENCY NOTICE – MARCH 27, 2020

Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic the Township of McKellar has declared a state of emergency.

Yesterday, our CEMC group met and agreed to declare a state of emergency for the municipality of McKellar due to the pandemic COVID-19.

We unanimously felt that we have to do everything we can to keep our citizens and staff safe and prevent the spread of COVID-19 cases to McKellar and the area. We are encouraging everyone to follow the clear rules of distancing themselves from others, 14 days of isolation if returning from travel, washing hands and avoiding groups.

We will continue to keep you informed regarding COVID-19 and Municipal and area actions on our various websites and Facebook pages.

As additional information becomes available, communications will be made with regards to the West Parry Sound Area (Township of Carling, Municipality of McDougall, Township of McKellar, Seguin Township, Township of The Archipelago, Municipality of Whitestone and the Town of Parry Sound) through the Town of Parry Sound website. Notices will also be posted on the Township of McKellar website and social media account.

Stay safe!

Peter Hopkins, Mayor

www.township.mckellar.on.ca

www.parrysound.ca

www.facebook.com/mckellar.township

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Municipal Operations

For the protection of staff, residents and our community the following procedures have been put into place:

Township Office: The office is closed to the public until further notice. Staff can be contacted by email and telephone.

Council/Committee Meetings: All scheduled meetings have been postponed until further notice. The Mayor may call a special meeting to resolve matters of immediate concern.

Interim Property Tax Bill: Penalty calculations that would have been processed on April 2nd, will not be processed until after the closing of business on April 30th. The Township recognizes that many residents and businesses are facing challenges in making their scheduled property tax payments. This will be an item for discussion when Council next convenes.

Building Department: During this time, we ask that all Submissions be submitted electronically to (cbo@township.mckellar.on.ca) OR by using the drop box outside the doors of the Municipal Office. During this time building permit fees will only be accepted by cheque. Building inspections will be conducted at the Chief Building Officials discretion.

Public Works: Operations have ceased. Operators are being asked to stay home and will be on call for emergencies. The Public Works Superintendent will continue his regular patrolling and investigating calls for service.

Transfer Site: Regular hours of operation will continue, but the attendant will be controlling access to the site to one vehicle at a time.

Parks and Recreation: All recreational facilities and playgrounds will be closed until further notice.

Fire Department: Fire Halls are not open to the general public. Operations will continue as usual. Do not call 911 unless it is an emergency. If you need immediate medical attention you should call 911 and mention your travel history and symptoms.