

# Township of McKellar

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## **STAY SAFE, STAY HOME, DISTANCE YOURSELF, WASH YOUR HANDS, USE A MASK AND SAVE LIVES**

The McKellar Township has been very active in working collaboratively within West Parry Sound to ensure we are informed on all the precautions from our health officials in order to stay safe, flatten the COVID-19 curve and save lives. By working together, we can beat this world pandemic and get back to our new normal.

March 12, 2020: Our McKellar Community Emergency Management Committee – consisting of Fire Chief Ed Bier, Clerk Tammy Wylie, Public Works Superintendent Greg Gostick and Mayor Peter Hopkins met and closed all municipal facilities, programs, events and meetings until further notice. These actions were communicated to all committees, community groups, staff and residents via several notices, municipal website, lake association website and a new Facebook page.

On March 27, 2020, we declared a State of Emergency in conjunction with area municipalities. We mailed a letter to all residents informing them of our emergency status, what it means, ways to stay safe by staying home, social distancing, washing your hands, sneezing into your elbow, keep informed about symptoms and local testing procedures to prevent the spread of our world pandemic.

Our Fire Chief meets weekly with the area CEMCs and McKellar meetings right after to keep on top of actions going forward. We discuss all issues from specific closures, enforcement, length of closures, staff and other related issues. We have kept in touch with local businesses as to their future, if and when they can open and any assistance they may be eligible for along with daily responses to our citizens.

We have extended, without penalty, property tax payments until further notice. We have controlled the Transfer Station for safety reasons. We have decided to close our public boat launches until further notice due to health and emergency responders concerns. The Province has banned all fires and all fireworks. The Province's message remains "Stay Safe and Stay Home".

Presently, from all reports from our health experts, we feel that the pandemic is not over. The pandemic has not peaked yet and it will be a long summer before our new normal.

We will continue to take the necessary steps to ensure that we are all safe, kept informed and working to flatten the curve. We will be following the Province's "A Framework for Reopening our Province".

Stay patient, stay safe, stay informed and stay at home.

Respectfully,



Mayor Peter Hopkins