



MEDIA RELEASE

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All Municipal Facilities CLOSED Due to COVID-19

Petawawa, ON – In response to Premier Ford's declaration of a State of Emergency for the Province of Ontario, the Town of Petawawa Emergency Control Group is preparing to respond to and mitigate the impacts of COVID-19.

The health and wellness of residents and employees is our main priority. **As part of the collective effort to reduce the spread of COVID-19, all municipal facilities including the Town Hall located at 1111 Victoria Street, will be closed to the public effective immediately until further notice.** This is part of an overall public health strategy to help safeguard the health of others, particularly the most vulnerable in our community.

In addition to the previously announced service changes, all municipal recreation and cultural facilities and the Petawawa Public Library are closed until further notice. This is based on the Ministry of Health's guidance to limit mass gatherings to help prevent the spread of the virus.

The continuity of business at the Town of Petawawa is important to us; we will continue to maintain essential services as we monitor the situation with guidance from the Renfrew County and District Health Unit and the Ontario and Canadian health authorities. Essential services such as curbside garbage and recycling pick-up, fire response, water, sewer, and routine road maintenance are not impacted.

Municipal staff can be contacted by telephone or email to provide assistance. In regards to payments, residents can mail cheques to the Municipality via regular mail, utilize the afterhours drop box, or pay online. As we continue to monitor this evolving situation further updates will be provided.

As with all the publicity around the virus, please continue to do your part to stop the vast spread by practicing increased hand washing and keeping an effective social distance from others. We thank the public and our staff for their continued patience and understanding during this time.

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