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## **COVID-19 Update – Township Provides Update on Facility Closures and Meeting Schedule**

**MUSKOKA LAKES** – The Township of Muskoka Lakes is extending the closure of facilities to the public and has cancelled all regular Council, Standing Committee, Committee of Adjustment and Advisory Committee meetings until further notice, as part of ongoing efforts to stop the spread of COVID-19.

The Township will hold a Special Council Meeting electronically on April 15, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. Further details will be available on the Township website.

Facility closures include the Municipal Office, Bala and Port Carling Arenas, Community Centres, Public Libraries and Public Works Yards. Those impacted by cancellations and closures will be contacted directly. All refunds will be honoured. Township services continue to be offered online through the Township website, email and over the phone where possible.

The Township is reminding residents that outdoor recreational amenities such as playgrounds, sports fields, basketball and tennis courts, beaches, skateboard parks, picnic areas, outdoor community gardens, park shelters, and other outdoor amenities are also closed until further notice following the emergency order made by the Province of Ontario on March 30, 2020. Green spaces in parks and trails remain open for walkthrough access, but residents are reminded to maintain the safe physical distance of at least two metres apart from others.

“We recognize the impact that these decisions have on our facility users, but this precaution is necessary to help keep people safe,” said Mayor Harding. “The situation with COVID-19 is rapidly changing and we will continue to adjust our services according to the recommendations of health authorities.”

The Township of Muskoka Lakes is working closely with the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit and other community partners to monitor the global situation regarding COVID-19, in order to protect our employees and community. Further information is available from the [Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit](#) or the [Government of Ontario COVID-19](#).

Also note that due to the COVID-19 outbreak, the Province has implemented a Fire Ban across Muskoka, which includes the Township of Muskoka Lakes, effective 12:00 a.m. on April 3, 2020.

The Township will update its website at [www.muskokalakes.ca](http://www.muskokalakes.ca) with any changes to Township services as a result of COVID-19. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.

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