



# Service and Information Update No. 1 Coronavirus Disease - COVID-19

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With the growing concerns over COVID-19, the health and safety of our residents, employees, and volunteers remain our top priority. The Township of Coleman is monitoring developments closely, and is committed to doing our part to help slow the spread of the virus. Effective immediately, please see below for the following service updates and introduced measures.

## **Increased frequency of cleaning practices and sanitation efforts**

We have enhanced sanitation practices and increased the frequency of cleansing our facility.

## **Council Meetings**

The Monday, March 30<sup>th</sup>, 2020 Council meeting has been cancelled. Council meetings will be reduced to the first Monday of every month; however, will be subject to change based on evolving information.

## **Municipal Services**

### Township Office

The Municipal Office will be closed to in person transactions; therefore, is requesting the use of internet payments through your financial institution, or by mailing cheques to the Municipal office.

Staff members will be conducting business during this time period for the continuation of municipal services and for processing payments. Interest on tax and utility payments will be postponed for the month of March 2020. Please contact the office by telephone (705-679-8833) and/or by email (toc@ontera.net).

### Public Works and Fire Department

Public Works services and Fire Response services are proceeding as usual.

### Garbage and Recycling Collection

Waste collection is proceeding as usual. Please help protect our collectors by safely disposing of waste:

- **Garbage Collection:** Please bag all garbage, and do not place waste loosely in garbage containers.
- **Recycling Collection:** It is recommended to prepare recycling in clear bags to limit the collector's contact with the blue bin material.

### Municipal Landfill Site

Municipal Landfill site is operating with normal hours. Before attending the landfill site, please ask yourself the following questions:

- Do you have a fever, new onset of cough or difficulty breathing?
- Have you or anyone in your family travelled outside of Canada in the last 14 days?
- Have you been in contact with anyone who has been diagnosed with, or is under investigation for the COVID-19 virus?

If you meet the above criteria, please do not come to the landfill site. Please follow the directions of local public health authorities (Timiskaming Health Unit No. 705-647-4305).

### **Cancellations**

The Coleman Community Hall has been closed for rental until further notice. The Township will continue to update residents and users of the facility.

The Township recognizes that these changing service levels may present a challenge to some residents; however, our priority is to protect the residents of the Municipality. The Township of Coleman will continue to monitor the evolving situation, and encourages everyone to take all reasonable precautions, and to stay informed by only sharing information from official sources.

Thank you for your cooperation, for your understanding and stay well.