



# Message from the Mayor

March 20, 2020

I would like to take this opportunity to let you know that the Township of Coleman is closely monitoring the evolving COVID-19 virus. It is difficult to navigate the unknown; however, as we better understand the virus through information provided from our public health teams, our priority is to protect the health and well being of our staff, volunteers and residents.

## Steps in Place:

- The Township's Municipal Emergency Control Group has met to ensure we are mitigating risks and planning for the developing situation;
- A media release was distributed and posted on the municipal website on March 16, 2020 and on March 20, 2020, outlining closures, cancellations, and further actions by the municipality to help reduce the spread of COVID-19;
- Essential services including road safety, fire response services, waste collection, and water treatment/distribution continue to operate as normal;
- The municipal complex is closed to the public for in-person transactions (until further notice); however, staff members are working for the continuation of essential municipal services.
- The municipal landfill site is open with regular hours; however, in an effort to limit physical contact, the handling of cash payments and receipts have been suspended, and cash transactions are not permitted at this time. The attendant will maintain records of all waste deposited at the site, and receipts / invoices will be mailed to residents;
- A page has been created on our municipal website for the latest information regarding municipal services and for available resources: <https://www.colemantownship.ca/municipal-office/emergency-preparedness/covid-19/>

## Please continue to follow the directions of public health authorities:

- Wash your hands thoroughly and often with soap and water;
- Cough/sneeze into your sleeve or tissue. Dispose of tissue immediately and wash your hands;
- Keep surfaces clean and disinfected;
- Say home when sick; and
- If you have symptoms, call Telehealth Ontario at 1-866-797-0000 or TTY 1-866-797-0007, or contact the Timiskaming Health Unit at 705-647-4305.

With the abundance of information circulating, make sure that you follow high-quality information about COVID-19 from reliable sources. The Public Health Agency of Canada, and the provincial public health authorities are reliable sources of information.

Staying connected to others is more important than ever, and although our Municipal Office is closed to the public for the time-being, we will continue reaching out through a variety of channels (radio, digital and print) to share information. Our staff will be available to answer your questions via email ([toc@ontera.net](mailto:toc@ontera.net)) or by telephone at 705-679-8833.

We hope that you and your families stay healthy, and we appreciate your support in keeping our community and our district safe during these unprecedented times.

Sincerely,

Mayor Dan Cleroux