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MUNICIPALITY OF KILLARNEY

CORONAVIRUS / COVID-19 UPDATE

PUBLIC NOTICE #10

The Municipality would like to thank all residents for their continued cooperation in adhering to the Provincial Orders throughout this pandemic. These efforts have been crucial in keeping our community safe and Covid-19 free.

Ontario Declares Second Provincial Emergency to Address COVID-19 Crisis and Save Lives

Province Issues Stay-at-Home Order and Introduces Enhanced Enforcement Measures to Reduce Mobility

In response to a doubling in COVID-19 cases over the past two weeks, the Ontario government, in consultation with the Chief Medical Officer of Health and other health experts, has declared a second [provincial emergency](#) under s 7.0.1 (1) of the *Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act* (EMPCA).

Effective Thursday, January 14, 2021 at 12:01 a.m., the government issued a stay-at-home order requiring everyone to remain at home with exceptions for permitted purposes or activities, such as going to the grocery store or pharmacy, accessing health care services, for exercise or for work where the work cannot be done remotely. This order and other new and existing public health restrictions are aimed at limiting people's mobility and reducing the number of daily contacts with those outside an immediate household. In addition to limiting outings for these purposes, all businesses must ensure that any employee who can work from home, does work from home.

Additional Public Health Restrictions

In response to the alarming and exceptional circumstances at hand, and to further interrupt the deadly trend of transmission in Ontario communities, hospitals, and long-term care homes, the following additional public health measures have taken effect as of **January 13, 2021 at 12:01 a.m.**:

- Outdoor organized public gatherings and social gatherings are further restricted to a limit of five people with limited exceptions. This is consistent with the rules during the lockdown during the first wave of COVID-19 in spring 2020 and will allow individuals and families to enjoy time outdoors safely.
- Individuals are required to wear a mask or face covering in the indoor areas of businesses or organizations that are open. Wearing a mask or face covering is now recommended outdoors when you can't physically distance more than two metres.

- All non-essential retail stores, including hardware stores, alcohol retailers, and those offering curbside pickup or delivery, must open no earlier than 7 a.m. and close no later than 8 p.m. The restricted hours of operation do not apply to stores that primarily sell food, pharmacies, gas stations, convenience stores, and restaurants for takeout or delivery.
- Non-essential construction is further restricted, including below-grade construction, exempting survey.

These measures have come into effect between Tuesday January 12, 2021 and Thursday, January 14, 2021, including the provincial declaration of emergency under the EMCPA, orders under that Act, and amendments to regulations under the *Reopening Ontario (A Flexible Response to COVID-19) Act, 2020*.

New Enforcement Measures

The province has provided authority to all provincial offences officers, including the Ontario Provincial Police, local police forces, bylaw officers, and provincial workplace inspectors to issue tickets to individuals who do not comply with the stay-at-home-order, or those not wearing a mask or face covering indoors in places open to the public, subject to limited exceptions, as well as retail operators and companies who do not enforce requirements under orders under the *Reopening Ontario (A Flexible Response to COVID-19) Act* (ROA) or EMCPA. Those who decide not to abide by orders will be subject to a set fine and/or prosecution under both the ROA and EMCPA as applicable.

In addition, all provincial offences officers have the authority to temporarily close a premise and disperse individuals who are in contravention of gathering limits an order and will be able to disperse people who are gathering, regardless whether a premise has been closed or remains open such as a park.

Schools and Child Care Centres

Schools in the northern Public Health Units continue to remain open.

To continue to keep students, staff and communities safe, the following new health and safety measures have been put in place for in-person learning:

- Masking for Grade 1-3 and requirements for mask wearing outdoors;
- Enhanced screening protocols; and
- Expanded targeted testing.

The government will also implement new health and safety measures in Ontario child care settings, such as enhanced screening to align with school requirements, voluntary participation in targeted testing and additional infection prevention and control measures to align with schools. These enhancements are in addition to the existing health and safety measures already being implemented in child care settings across the province.

Child care centres for non-school aged children will remain open, and emergency child care for school-aged children will end in approved Public Health Unit regions on January 22, 2021 as these elementary schools return to in-person learning.

During this extended period of online learning, in areas where in-person elementary learning is suspended, emergency child care will continue for eligible families in regions subject to school closures, as identified by the Chief Medical Officer of Health.

Workplace Safety

The Ministry of Labour, Training and Skills Development is taking additional steps to protect workers with the launch of the "Stay Safe All Day" campaign, focusing workplace inspections in areas of high transmission, including break rooms, and providing new educational materials to employers to promote safe behaviour before, during and after work.

Evidence gathered from COVID-19 related workplace inspections to date shows the vast majority of employers and workers are following COVID-19 safety requirements when working. However, when in a break room, a vehicle or not on the clock, there is a tendency to forget about the importance of wearing masks, maintaining physical distance and hand hygiene.

As part of the "Stay Safe All Day" campaign, inspectors will use a data-driven approach to focus on workplaces with reported COVID-19 outbreaks, manufacturing businesses, warehouses, distribution centres, food processing operations, construction projects and publicly accessible workplaces deemed essential, such as grocery stores. The Ministry is also using a new data-sharing program, in conjunction with the Ministry of Long-Term Care and the Retirement Regulatory Authority, to focus onsite inspections of long-term-care homes and retirement homes.

In the unfortunate event that an employee becomes infected with COVID-19, they may be entitled to federally funded paid sick leave of up to \$500 a week for two weeks.

Workers can also access Canada's Recovery Caregiver Benefit of up to \$500 per week for up to 26 weeks if they are unable to work because they must care for their child under 12 years old or a family member who needs supervised care.

Over the summer, the government enacted a new regulatory amendment that put non-unionized employees on Infectious Disease Emergency Leave during the COVID-19 outbreak any time their hours of work are temporarily reduced by their employer due to COVID-19, ensuring businesses aren't forced to terminate employees after their ESA temporary layoff periods have expired. As part of the Safe Restart Agreement, the federal government is funding a temporary income support program that allows workers to take up to 10 days of leave related to COVID-19, preventing the risk of further spread in the workplace and allowing workers to focus on their health.

The Municipality is advocating on behalf of the residents to be considered a priority for early vaccination. We will forward any information as it becomes available.

**Emergency orders are updated regularly
1and can be found at www.ontario.ca.**

MUNICIPALITY:

- The Municipal Office and Public Works remain closed for public visits at this time, but Staff remain available to support you and will continue to respond to enquiries during regular business hours via:

Municipal Office Telephone 705-287-2424

Email: inquiries@municipalityofkillarney.ca

Office Hours: Monday to Friday 9:00 am – noon & 1:00 pm – 4:30 pm

Public Works Telephone 705-287-1040

Email: tonynuziale@municipalityofkillarney.ca Cell: 705-920-0027

Office Hours: Monday to Thursday 7:00 am – noon & 12:30 pm – 4:00 pm

Friday 7:00 am – 1:00 pm

Due to the recent State of Emergency declared by the Province, municipal screening protocols have changed. You will be asked to read a series of screening questions at the entrance prior to being served. Staff will then ask you the same questions to ensure the safety of all parties.

For those who wish to access municipal services, whether it be to pick-up garbage tags, dog tags, to make a payment, purchase recycle bags or landfill tickets etc., there are options available:

- 1) You can contact the Municipal office and speak to someone regarding your request;
- 2) You can send your request via Canada Post;
- 3) Any payments can be made using a Visa or Mastercard (over the phone or via mail), by debit, cash or cheque at the door, or cheques can be dropped off in the designated lockbox located in the hallway of the Municipal building.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT:

- **Snow Removal:** In order to properly and efficiently clear snow off the streets and roadways in Town, we ask that you keep them clear of all obstructions. Please do not park vehicles on the streets where it may impede the removal of snow.
- **Battery Recycling:** You can now drop off recyclable batteries at:
 - ***Public Works office, 1096 Hwy 637, Killarney***
 - ***Hallway of the Municipal building, 32 Commissioner Street, Killarney***

Any rechargeable and single-use batteries weighing 5 kg or less each are accepted. However, no wet-cell, damaged or defective batteries are accepted.

- **Treated & Painted Wood:** The Killarney Village Landfill Site is now accepting small quantities of treated and painted wood. Tipping Fees apply as follows:

TYPE OF LOAD	FEES
CAR	\$35.00
PICK-UP/LOADER BUCKET	\$75.00
SINGLE-AXLE TRAILER (7' x 8' MAX)	\$115.00

Tipping tickets can be purchased at the Municipal Office during regular business hours: Monday to Friday, 9 am – 12 pm, 1 pm – 4:30 pm.

*****NOTE:** Size restrictions: Treated or painted wood pieces must be equal or less than 6 inches (15 cm) in diameter & 4 feet (1.25 m) in length.

KILLARNEY HEALTH CENTRE:

- The Killarney Health Centre remains open but requests that public visits to the clinic be avoided. Please call prior to presenting to the health centre. All patients will be screened and triaged and appointments scheduled as necessary. We will explore alternatives to face–face triage and visits such as providing telephone or virtual visits. The Health Centre staff maintains strict adherence to standard precautions as outlined by Sudbury & District Public Health and the Ontario Ministry of Health.
- Prescription pickup time will be limited to the hours of **3PM - 5PM, Monday-Friday.**
- If you have concerns or flu like symptoms **DO NOT GO TO THE HEALTH CENTRE** self-isolate and call 705-287-2300. If after hours call the COVID-19 Assessment Centre at 705-671-7373.
- Contact Telehealth at 1-866-797-0000 for non-emergency issues – they are available 24 hours per day.

AMBULANCE/PARAMEDIC SERVICES:

The paramedic service located here in the village is operated by the Manitoulin-Sudbury District Services Board and remains in operation. ONLY call 911 where it is an emergency. Should you be seeking advice with respect to COVID-19 please contact Public Health at 1-866-522-9200.

Manitoulin-Sudbury District Services Board recently notified the Municipality that they will be installing a yellow phone outside on the Ambulance building so if the ambulance is not there, the phone can be picked up and it will connect directly to 911.

VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT:

The Fire Hall remains closed to the Public. All training activities have been cancelled & meetings postponed until further notice. Emergency Response to continue by the volunteer firefighters.

KILLARNEY & FRENCH RIVER PROVINCIAL PARKS: (and all others)

As of January 21st, 2021, campground and backcountry campsites and roofed accommodations including cabins, yurts and cottages will be closed while the provincial declaration of emergency and stay-at-home order is in effect.

Ontario Parks remain open and continue to provide facilities and services for local and safe outdoor winter recreation day-use activities. We know how much people love to visit Ontario Parks as a way to spend time outdoors, get fresh air and stay healthy, but they are asking that you only visit and enjoy a provincial park or conservation reserve close to home. **Please do not travel outside of your area to visit.**

Please be responsible when enjoying the parks. Continue to follow public health advice including practicing physical distancing by keeping at least two metres from others, wearing a face covering where required, when physical distancing may be a challenge or not possible and when entering indoor public spaces, and wash your hands regularly with soap and water or use alcohol-based hand sanitizer if soap and water are not available. Postpone your visit if you have any symptoms of COVID-19 or have been asked to isolate.

The safety of the visitors and staff is always top priority. The Parks have implemented measures to address overcrowding and promote physical distancing in park spaces and buildings during busy visitation times by limiting occupancy for day-use and camping in select provincial parks. This includes limiting the number of daily vehicle permits sold or the number of campsites available for reservations.

Keep up to date by visiting individual park social media channels before you leave and when you are travelling to the park, especially for day use. Please visit www.ontarioparks.com for the most up to date information.

ICE RINK/COMMUNITY CENTRE UPDATE:

Due to the current Declaration of Emergency implemented by the Province, the Killarney Community Centre/Rink Surfaces remain **closed until further notice.**

The Annual Winter Carnival at the Community Centre/Veteran's Memorial Hall has been **cancelled** for 2021.

ELECTRICITY RELIEF:

From January 1, 2021 through January 28, 2021, the government of Ontario is implementing a discounted RPP rate for residential and small business customers of 8.5 cents / kWh. This rate will be in place all day, every day, regardless of whether your rate plan is Tiered or Time-of-Use.

This rate will be applied automatically, and it will not affect your rate option (Tiered or TOU) once the discounted rate expires; you are not required to do anything.

CANADA POST:

Remains open and operational currently. Hours of operation remain as is:
Monday to Friday 9:30 am – 12:00 pm & 1:00 pm – 4:30 pm
If you need more information or have any questions call 705-287-2215.

DESJARDINS CREDIT UNION:

Remains open and operational currently. Hours of operation remain as is:
Monday to Friday 9:30 am – 12:30 pm & 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm
If you need more information or have any questions, call 705-287-1117.

KIDS HELP PHONE:

This is an unprecedented time. This past year has been especially tough on the children as the world they know is changing dramatically. Children are encouraged to reach out to Kids Help Phone any time of day by texting 686868, calling 1-800-668-6868 or online at www.kidshelpphone.ca.

Kids Help Phone is a 24/7, national support service for children and youth. The organization offers professional counselling, information, and referrals, as well as volunteer-led, text-based support, to young people across the country in English and French. Their service is completely confidential.

MUNICIPAL WEBSITE:

Additional information on COVID-19 can be located on the home page of the website at www.municipalityofkillarney.ca.

**We will continue to monitor the situation and send necessary updates as the situation evolves. Should you have questions/concerns we encourage you to contact us via telephone 705-287-2424 (*leave a message if we cannot answer the call immediately*) or email us at inquiries@municipalityofkillarney.ca
You will receive a response as soon as possible.**

At this critical time, we need your continued co-operation as we all have an obligation to our families, neighbours and community to do our part to limit the spread of COVID-19

~ Please Stay Safe and Healthy ~
