



## MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

### Community Message from Mayor Virginia Hackson on COVID-19



I hope this message reaches you in good health and spirits.

As we all continue to navigate this new and ever-changing reality, Council's number one focus is the health and safety of our residents and to support the business community of East Gwillimbury.

Our Town remains under the State of Emergency declared on March 19<sup>th</sup>.

We have extended all Town facility closures until further notice and programming has been cancelled until June 30<sup>th</sup>. We continue to monitor and will adjust as deemed appropriate.

Over the past week our community has come together to face this crisis and to collectively work toward 'flanking the curve' of COVID-19. This is done through our self-isolation and physical distancing efforts which must continue during the weeks ahead. We are approaching Easter weekend and I know there will be an urge to put these measures aside, but this cannot be done. We must not let our guard down, but instead we must remain vigilant and committed in our efforts.

Easter celebrations will certainly look much different for all of us this year. We will not have extended family and friends at the dinner table in person, but they can be there through technology. I have been impressed reading about the innovative suggestions and ideas to celebrate the occasion with family and friends while apart. I encourage everyone to consider options such as using Skype, FaceTime, or even a telephone call to connect and virtually share dinner and perhaps even an Easter egg hunt. Physical distancing does not mean social isolation so please use these tools to connect.

We must all continue to share the message that we all need to work together to continue the fight against this virus. Also, please continue to:

- Stay at home – Visitors to your home, even in your backyard are not allowed. If they do not live with you, they should not be in your home.
- Limit grocery shopping – designate one person to shop once a week.
- Remind youth on the importance of staying home and connecting with friends through technology.

Without our collective participation to continue to self-isolate and maintain physical distancing there will be no improvement in the weeks ahead. Tomorrow depends on our actions today!

Be supportive and kind – together we will get through this.

Virginia Hackson

## PRACTICE SOCIAL DISTANCING



Stay at least  
**6ft or 2m**  
away from  
**others**  
outdoors.

## SPECIAL COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

Highlights from the April 7 Special Council Meeting will be included in next week's Town Page. The meeting was held to discuss COVID-19, Town operations, and potential financial deferral programs. To watch the video of the meeting, please visit our YouTube Channel at [www.youtube.com/TownEastGwillimbury](http://www.youtube.com/TownEastGwillimbury)

## EASTER HOLIDAY CHANGES

Customer Service will be closed on April 10 and available again by phone on April 14. If you have an emergency with regards to water, sewers, or roads, please call 905-478-4282 and press option 3.

### Long-Weekend Waste Collection Schedule

Waste collection that is scheduled for Friday, April 10 will be collected on Saturday, April 11. For more information on EG waste collection, visit [www.eastgwillimbury.ca/waste](http://www.eastgwillimbury.ca/waste)

## PARKS & PLAYGROUND REMINDER

All Town outdoor recreational amenities such as sports fields, playgrounds, basketball courts, skate parks, bike parks, picnic areas, park shelters, and community gardens are closed as per the Province's Emergency Closure Order. Green spaces in parks and trails remain open for pass-through access, but visitors must continue to practice social/physical distancing.

By-law and park staff will be visiting Town parks to remind residents of public health directives such as social distancing. To submit a complaint please email: [bylaws@eastgwillimbury.ca](mailto:bylaws@eastgwillimbury.ca)

## MOSQUITO CONTROL PROGRAM

The Town's mosquito control program is scheduled to begin in April, weather permitting. The program consists of application of a biological larvicide (VectoBac 200G [PCP#18158, granular formulation]), by helicopter, to standing water mosquito breeding habitats within the Town.

Property owners within the treatment areas were mailed objection forms. If you object to having Vectobac applied to your property, please complete the objection form. No response is required if you support the mosquito control program.

To view the full notice and learn more about the program, visit [www.eastgwillimbury.ca/mosquito](http://www.eastgwillimbury.ca/mosquito).

## STAY CONNECTED WITH THE TOWN!

Customer Service is available during facility closures. You can contact the team by:

- ✉ [customerservice@eastgwillimbury.ca](mailto:customerservice@eastgwillimbury.ca)
- ☎ **905-478-4282**
- ➔ [www.eastgwillimbury.ca/customerservice](http://www.eastgwillimbury.ca/customerservice)

[www.eastgwillimbury.ca/COVID19](http://www.eastgwillimbury.ca/COVID19)

## WHAT'S NEW IN EG ELECTRONIC BUILDING PERMITS

Electronic building permits are here and residents can now begin the process of applying for building permits electronically during our facility closures. For more information on how to apply, visit [www.eastgwillimbury.ca/buildingpermits](http://www.eastgwillimbury.ca/buildingpermits)

## BUSINESS ASSESSMENT TOOL

To help support businesses during this difficult time, our Economic Development Team along with our N6 municipal partners have created an assessment tool allowing businesses to share their challenges and concerns related to COVID-19. To use the assessment tool and to view available resources to support businesses, visit [www.eastgwillimbury.ca/COVIDbusiness](http://www.eastgwillimbury.ca/COVIDbusiness)

## HEALTH & ACTIVE LIVING CHALLENGE

Our Community Parks, Recreation & Culture Team has created a fun challenge to help you and your family stay active! Each day a challenge or activity will be shared on the Town's social media accounts for you to try.

To participate, post a video or a photo of you completing the activity and tag us on social media using the hashtag #ActiveEG. Winners will be selected weekly to win passes for our drop-in programs, a free week of summer camp or free fall/winter programs.

## COVID-19 WASTE COLLECTION REMINDERS

- Residents may place up to **five bags** of untagged garbage out for collection, including bulky items. For example, if you have two bulky items, you may place out those and three bags of waste.
- Disinfectant wipes and baby wipes belong in the garbage and paper towels belong in the green bin.
- If you or a family member are in self-isolation, it is advised to dispose of all used tissues, paper towel, used gloves and masks in a wastebasket lined with a plastic bag for disposal as garbage.
- Please place heavier recyclables on top of lighter ones to prevent them from blowing away when it's windy.

Visit [www.eastgwillimbury.ca/waste](http://www.eastgwillimbury.ca/waste) for more information.