

## COVID-19 UPDATES & INFORMATION

This week's Town Page features important information on the evolving COVID-19 situation.  
 For more information, visit [www.eastgwillimbury.ca/COVID19](http://www.eastgwillimbury.ca/COVID19)

### MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

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



COVID-19 continues to be an evolving and changing situation. Our Town remains under a State of Emergency, all Town facilities and libraries remain closed and our programming and events are suspended until June 30<sup>th</sup>.

To say we are in challenging times is an understatement. We are all affected by this global crisis, which is why, where we can, we need to help one another. One way we can do this is to support our local business community.

I take this opportunity to thank the many businesses who have adapted their operations to provide essential services and products where needed. A list of those businesses is available on our website. I also acknowledge the many businesses who may be struggling with the impacts of the extended closures and reduced traffic creating a significant financial burden and uncertain future. I want you all to know that we are here to help.

To assist our business community our Town is working hard to provide you with the supports you need to get through this. Partnering with the Northern York Region (N6) Teams a COVID-19 Business Recovery Information Centre has been created. This is a collaborative effort to ensure that you are supported and have the information and resources you need to navigate these unprecedented times.

Please visit the Town's website: [www.eastgwillimbury.ca/covidbusiness](http://www.eastgwillimbury.ca/covidbusiness) and complete a brief assessment, which will let our Team know how best to assist you. Through this site you will also have access to additional information regarding programs and supports that are available. In addition, you are encouraged to follow up with our Economic Development team who are ready and available to provide you with assistance, information, and referrals.

To all our residents I encourage you to shop local where possible. Many still offer curbside pick up options so please reach out to our businesses directly to inquire. The business community needs our help. Please remember that they are always there for us so let's be there for them now when it matters most. Please shop local.

What we do TODAY will shape what happens TOMORROW.

Please be kind and supportive and stay healthy and safe.

*Virginia Hackson*

Tell us what you need, and we'll help you get there.



It's a challenging time for businesses in our community, and our Economic Development Team has developed a Business Assessment Tool to help businesses find resources that are best suited to meet their needs.

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### SPECIAL COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

From April 7, 2020

**Property Tax and Water Deferrals** - Staff provided an update to Council regarding tax and water payments as well as options for moving forward. Due dates for property tax and water bills remain as per the normal timelines indicated on the bill. Residents are encouraged to pay if able, however interest and penalty are currently being waived until July 31, 2020 for those who require additional time.

The Town collects taxes on behalf of York Region and the School Boards. The Town is working with these government partners to consider further deferral options and this will be shared as available.

If you have concerns regarding the ability to pay your bill please contact the Tax and Water department at [taxwater@eastgwillimbury.ca](mailto:taxwater@eastgwillimbury.ca)

**Parks, Trailhead Parking Lots and Trails Update** - As a result of the recent Provincial Order, the Town has closed all parks, sports fields, sports courts, play structures, skateboard and bike parks in Town. Residents are asked to refrain from using these facilities as well as to abide by all signage and barricades displayed in these areas.

The Provincial Order allows access to green spaces in parks and trails at this time for pass-through access only while maintaining physical distancing of 2m and no groups of 5 or more, therefore Town trails will remain open. It is important to note that all LSRCA and York Region trails are closed as per their request, this includes the Nokiidaa Trail.

Town parking lots, including the Nokiidaa trail parking lots, have been closed to prevent groups from gathering. By-law, parks staff and York Regional Police will be visiting Town parks and trails to remind residents of physical/social distancing. To submit a complaint please email [bylaws@eastgwillimbury.ca](mailto:bylaws@eastgwillimbury.ca)

**Next Council Meeting: April 21 at 1 p.m.**


The agendas for the April 21 meeting will be available at noon at [www.eastgwillimbury.ca/agendas](http://www.eastgwillimbury.ca/agendas) on April 16.

**Get Involved with Council Meetings!**

**Watch live at:**  
<https://eastgwillimbury.civicweb.net/Portal/>

**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)

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### HEALTH & ACTIVE LIVING CHALLENGE

*Join us to get active indoors!*

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.

### COMMUNITY SUPPORT

#### East Gwillimbury Food Pantry

The East Gwillimbury Food Pantry will be open on April 25 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. outside of the Holland Landing Community Centre. For more information, visit [www.egpl.ca](http://www.egpl.ca)

#### Second Chance Clothing Depot & Food Cupboard

Every Wednesday from 9:30 a.m. to noon at St. James the Apostle Anglican Church. Donations can be left in the donation box beside the house. For more information, visit [www.stjamessharon.com](http://www.stjamessharon.com)

#### Mount Albert Food Pantry

The Mount Albert Food Pantry will be open on April 29 at Mount Albert United Church located at 41 Alice St. For information visit, [www.mauc.ca](http://www.mauc.ca)

### The Library at Home

PressReader gives you access to thousands of newspapers and magazines, all available in 18 languages. Free with your library card!

Visit [egpl.ca/digital-library](http://egpl.ca/digital-library)

