

MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

Community Message from Mayor Virginia Hackson on COVID-19



With the recent provincial announcements related to stage one of re-opening our Province, we will be reviewing and considering their recommendations closely and implementing those that can be done in a safe and responsible manner.

Included in last weeks announcement was to allow libraries to begin curbside pick up programs. Our Library staff truly appreciate the public's support during this time and know that this is an anticipated service in the community. They are working to develop protective measures to ensure the health and safety of residents and staff as they prepare to re-open and are hopeful to launch the curbside program in early June. In the meantime, please remember to check for online programs at www.egpl.ca

Also identified in the announcement was the re-opening of public parks, dog parks, tennis courts and sports fields. It will take time and careful planning to ensure this can all be done while ensuring the safety of our residents and therefore, for the present time these spaces will remain closed in East Gwillimbury. We understand the importance of having access to outdoor spaces and I assure you that we continue to work toward re-opening the identified areas and will let our residents know just as soon as this can be done safely.

The Province, on Tuesday, announced that schools will remain closed for the balance of the school year. Decisions related to operating summer camps is still under consideration and the Town will await the direction of the province and public health authorities before deciding on how best to proceed.

After what has been a very difficult two months for all of us it is certainly encouraging to be in the position to re-open our country, our province, and our Town. I want to thank everyone for doing their part in adhering to self isolation and physical distancing over these past months as it is the sacrifices we made that are now moving us in the right direction. However, it must be top of mind that these measures are still in place and are essential to ensure we keep moving the bar forward. Please remember that, physical distancing, self isolation and good hand washing practices are a must to keep us on this positive path forward.

Virginia Hackson

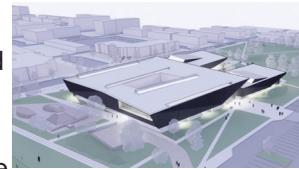
SUBMIT YOUR FALL & WINTER PHOTOS

Share your fall/winter photos with us and you or your family could be on the cover of our 2020-2021 fall/winter Health & Active Living Guide! Photos must be submitted by June 3 to communications@eastgwillimbury.ca.

COUNCIL WORKSHOP HIGHLIGHTS

From May 12, 2020

On May 12, Council held a special Council workshop to see the potential site plan and layout of the new Health & Active Living Plaza, which will be located off of Leslie Street, just north of Doane Road. The design was developed through community consultation in 2019 with over 30 meetings and feedback opportunities. Features of the new facility include:



- Gymnasium
- Aquatics facility
- Walking and Running Track
- Library
- Indoor play space
- Multi-purpose rooms

The outdoor park space will include:

- Outdoor event space
- Exterior boardwalk
- Public art
- 8 acres of park space
- Sports Courts
- Splash pad
- Skate park
- Outdoor kitchen

Facility construction will be paid for through development charges, with no cost to the tax-payer. Next steps include moving from concept design to detailed design development and ongoing public consultation. Staff will also be reporting on some potential impacts of COVID-19 related to the project. Facility construction is anticipated to begin once the Town's population reaches 40,000 which is anticipated to be in 2022. This will ensure the Town has the required funding to operate the facility.

For more information, visit www.eastgwillimbury.ca/HALP

Highlights from the May 20 Council Meeting will be included in next week's Town Page. To watch a video of the Council Meeting visit our YouTube Channel at www.youtube.com/TownEastGwillimbury

The Library at Home

Virtual Tech Help

Join us every week for answers to your tech questions, and other topics that may interest you! This program is fueled by your questions, please leave a comment, send us a message, or email carthurs@egpl.ca with the Subject: Virtual Tech Help.

Wednesdays at 1:30 pm
 Visit egpl.ca for details



For more information, visit
www.eastgwillimbury.ca/covidbusiness

SUPPORT LOCAL

Visit www.eastgwillimbury.ca/shoplocal for a list of East Gwillimbury businesses and farms that have adapted their operations to continue serving our community safely.

PUBLIC NOTICES

WI-FI ACCESS HOTSPOTS AVAILABLE

Enjoy free internet access outside of the Civic Centre, Holland Landing Community Centre, and Ross Family Complex. Signage and barricades have been installed at each facility that identify the location of the Wi-Fi access areas within each parking lot. Those interested in connecting to the Wi-Fi hotspots must park in one of the designated parking spots to successfully connect to the internet to ensure social distancing.

PARKS AND TRAILS REMINDER

With warmer weather on the way residents are reminded that 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 Town parks and all trails are open for pass-through access only, and visitors must follow these tips:

- No groups larger than 5 people
 - People must adhere to social distancing of two-metres
 - Dogs must be kept on leash
 - No littering, please remove all garbage from the trail
- For updates regarding the Town's response to COVID-19, visit www.eastgwillimbury.ca/covidfaqs

HAPPY NATIONAL PUBLIC WORKS WEEK

Thank you to our Public Works, Roads, Engineering, Water & Wastewater, and Parks Teams for all that you do to keep EG moving! #EGProud

EG FOOD PANTRY

The EG Food Pantry will be open on May 30 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. outside of the Holland Landing Community Centre. For more information, visit www.egpl.ca