

MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

As we continue to navigate these uncertain times, Council's top priority is the health and safety of our community and employees. To ensure every effort is made and all options are considered to protect our citizens, I was part of York Regional Council's unanimous vote in favour of mandatory wearing of a face mask or covering in enclosed public spaces across York Region effective tomorrow, Friday July 17th.

This decision was not made lightly, and I acknowledge that there are varying degrees of opinions on this issue. However, collectively we considered many sources of information and studies as well as the important guidance and recommendation from York Region's Medical Officer of Health, Dr. Karim Kurji, who indicated that wearing a mask will have a positive impact on helping to stop the spread of COVID-19. Public Health is also quite confident we will experience a second wave later this year. If wearing a mask has even a small impact on lessening the spread of COVID-19 then I am confident we have made the right decision.

This mandatory policy will be in effect for the period of Friday, July 17th to November 30th 2020. Business owners and operators in York Region must have a policy in place to prohibit people from entering if they are not wearing a face mask or covering and must place approved York Region signage on the premises. Outdoor settings and indoor spaces not open to the public are excluded and exceptions will be provided for those unable to wear a mask for medical reasons, children under the age of 5 and those who require accommodation under the Ontario Human Rights Code.

As we embark down this new path, I remind everyone to be sensitive to the fact that some people are unable to wear a mask. It is not for us to judge others or to be the enforcement body in the wearing of face masks. Please be kind to one another.

It is also very important to understand that wearing a mask does not eliminate the need to continue our efforts of frequent hand washing and practicing physical distancing. These coupled with wearing a mask will remain critical components to slowing the spread of COVID-19 and helping us to move through this pandemic.

I truly believe this is a positive step in the right direction. Together, we have made great strides in flattening the curve of COVID-19 and we need to stay together to ensure we win this battle.

To learn the proper way to wear and dispose of face masks to protect yourself and others, visit york.ca/mandatorymasks.

Please be safe, supportive and kind.

Virginia Hackson

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING

July 28 at 1 p.m.

Agendas for the July 28 meeting will be available at noon on July 23 at www.eastgwillimbury.ca/agendas. For more information, email clerks@eastgwillimbury.ca

Mid Year Review Presentation - Staff will provide a detailed overview of Town operations and projects for the first half of the year.

Get Involved with Council Meetings!

- ▶ **Watch live at**
<https://eastgwillimbury.civicweb.net/Portal/>
- ▶ **If you miss the meetings you can watch them at:**
<http://youtube.com/user/TownEastGwillimbury>

PUBLIC NOTICES

SPLASH PAD HOURS EXTENDED

The hours of operation have been extended at all EG splash pad locations! Splash pads are open daily from 9:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. at the following locations:

- Harvest Hills Park (183 Harvest Hills Blvd.)
- Holland Landing C.C. Park (19513 Yonge St.)
- Murrell Park (950 Murrell Blvd.)
- Parkway Park (84 Oak Ave.)
- Ross Family Complex Park (19300 Centre St.)

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

OPEN AIR BURNING SAFETY TIPS

Extremely hot weather can cause dry conditions outdoors. Emergency & Community Safety Services reminds residents with open air burning permits to exercise caution before lighting recreational fires (e.g. fire pits or campfires) and to follow these tips to ensure your safety:

- Never build or light a fire pit on a windy day
- Never leave fires unattended
- Always have a water source nearby to extinguish the fire

For more information, and to view the open air burning guidelines, visit www.eastgwillimbury.ca/firepermit

PROPERTY TAXES DUE

Final 2020 residential tax bills have been mailed and payments are due on August 31 and October 30. Payments can be made at the drop box outside of the Civic Centre, at your bank, online/phone banking or through a pre-authorized payment plan.

If your tax account is not current, a pre-set monthly payment can be arranged to help you catch up on tax arrears. Unpaid taxes will be charged 1.25% interest per month effective the first day of default. Failure to receive a tax bill does not exempt the bill from being due or from incurring interest. Contact the Town at 905-478-4282 if you have any questions.



EAST GWILLIMBURY CANNABIS PRODUCTION FACILITIES PANEL DISCUSSION

TUESDAY, JULY 21
10 A.M.

WITH MAYOR VIRGINIA HACKSON, DETECTIVE INSPECTOR JIM WALKER, ONTARIO PROVINCIAL POLICE AND FROM YORK REGIONAL POLICE DETECTIVE SERGEANT AHMAD SALHIA AND DETECTIVE CONSTABLE MARTIN KISSI

Learn more about this emerging issue in EG - This is an opportunity to hear information on how we are addressing these facilities. Registration is required to pre-submit questions. Email your name, phone number and your question for the panel to gcasey@eastgwillimbury.ca by Sunday, July 19, 2020.

Camp in a Box



Kids
ages 6 -12

\$60
Per box

For more information and to register, visit
www.sharontemple.ca/camps

Additional summer camp activities and programs are available at www.eastgwillimbury.ca/summercamp

COMMUNITY SUPPORT

East Gwillimbury Food Pantry

The East Gwillimbury Food Pantry will be open on July 25 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. outside of the Holland Landing Community Centre. For more information, visit 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

Mount Albert Food Pantry

The Mount Albert Food Pantry will be open on July 29 at Mount Albert United Church located at 41 Alice St. For information visit, www.mauc.ca

The Library

Storytime Kits

Love storytime but missing out on your favourite musical props? Pick up a **Storytime Kit** from the Library and follow along with your very own egg shakers, colour scarves, and bells. **Limited quantity.** Kits are designed for ages 3 - 5 years.

