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Community Message from Mayor Virginia Hackson

As we continue to work together to flatten the curve of COVID-19, I want to thank our EG residents for their continued diligence and respect of public health recommendations such as social distancing.

Over this past weekend, the Town worked with the Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority to re-open the Nokiidaa Trail with strict guidelines to keep users safe. The opening was in alignment with the Provincial order to allow pass-through access on trails. Our staff and York Regional Police were on the trails all weekend and have informed me that everyone was very kind to one-another and respectful of social distancing. It is a great sign that we can adapt to the “new normal”, respect one another and still enjoy the amenities that we are so fortunate to have in EG.

We are all in this together and we have certainly come together to make EG even stronger.

Last week, the Province announced their phased-in plan to re-open businesses and public spaces. Premier Ford was very optimistic and encouraging that we should all continue to work together, because if we do, we can begin to follow this phased-in re-opening plan.

The Town will continue to work with our Provincial and Regional partners and will follow these guidelines and recommendations for our own re-opening of facilities and public spaces. Staff are currently working on a Recovery Plan that will follow a similar phased-in approach and as the recovery is implemented, it is expected that things will look different and there will be changes to the way we do business.

There is no known timeline and this will not happen tomorrow, but *it will happen* and we will be prepared. I assure you that the health and safety of our residents and employees continues to be a priority and we will only consider re-opening when it is deemed safe to do so.

Today, let's remain diligent, stay home where possible and practice proper hygiene. Now is not the time to fall back into old habits, we must continue to work together.

Virginia Hackson