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Community Message from Mayor Virginia Hackson

Early this week the Province of Ontario provided further updates about Phase Two of reopening Ontario. East Gwillimbury, as part of York Region's Public Health area, will be moving into Phase Two of reopening as of tomorrow. This is great news as more businesses in our community will begin to reopen when they have the appropriate procedures in place to do so. This will not happen overnight, and I encourage you to be patient and kind with businesses as they slowly begin to reopen.

During this nice weather, the Town also has several amenities that are open and available for everyone to enjoy including trails, tennis courts, skate and bike parks, and open park spaces. As of tomorrow, splash pads will also be permitted by the province to open in EG. Our staff are working to ensure the proper procedures are in place to open in a safe manner. We will post on our social media channels and here in the Town Page when they are open for the public to enjoy.

I would like to remind everyone to be respectful of one another when using these amenities. Please maintain physical distancing and follow the safety signs posted. I would also like to remind cyclists using the trails to please be mindful of those walking and ask everyone to share the trails respectfully.

As we begin to reopen as part of Phase Two, we can also begin to utilize social circles with up to 10 people. This is a great step in reducing social isolation, while still being mindful of minimizing the risk of transmission. There are specific guidelines on how to effectively implement social circles which can be found at Ontario.ca/socialcircles. This is a wonderful opportunity to enjoy a visit with those you have been apart from for such a long time, however, this must continue to be done in a safe and responsible manner.

As we begin down this path to reopen, please continue to keep in mind proper hygiene and physical distancing. Together, we can continue on this downward trend of new cases.

Virginia Hackson