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Community Message from Mayor Virginia Hackson

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