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Community Message from Mayor Virginia Hackson

Our beautiful summer weather is here and without a doubt, everyone is excited to spend some time outdoors. With the Province making announcements related to the first phase of reopening Ontario, it may feel like we can return to normal however the risk of COVID-19 remains. What this means is that we must all continue to follow the important and critical recommendations of Public Health Officials, which include:

- Continue to stay home where possible, and if you are going out keep a 2-meter distance from others in the community.
- Wash your hands often and use sanitizer.
- Connect virtually with loved ones, especially those who are vulnerable such as seniors.

If we continue to follow these steps, we can hope for a safe and successful reopening.

How does stage one of the provincial reopening strategy effect EG?

We have reopened our tennis and basketball courts, skate/scooter/BMX parks, picnic shelters and benches. These will be available for individual use or for use by those who live together. Maintaining physical distancing continues to be a requirement as well as not having gatherings of more than five persons outside of your household. Appropriate signage will be posted as a reminder for how these public spaces are to be used safely and responsibly.

Park equipment and splash pads will remain closed however, staff are preparing procedures for when the Province advises these spaces are safe to open.

Curbside pick-up at public libraries was also identified as part of the Province's stage one reopening. In response both our Holland Landing and Mount Albert branches are preparing to reopen for curbside pick-up and drop off starting June 9th. More details will be shared in the coming days.

We will continue to respond to the provincial recommendations for reopening and will proceed keeping the safety of our residents at the forefront of all decisions.

Please, continue to be safe and respectful so we can continue this positive path forward. Our actions today will ensure better days ahead.

Virginia Hackson