

This week's Town Page features important information on the evolving COVID-19 situation as well as impacted Town programs and services. Please note that the Town Page is submitted by Monday, March 30. For the most up to date information, visit [www.eastgwillimbury.ca/COVID19](http://www.eastgwillimbury.ca/COVID19)

## MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

### Community Message from Mayor Virginia Hackson on COVID-19



We are now in the third week of Canada's response to the COVID-19 crisis and during this time we have experienced unprecedented changes to our way of life.

Two weeks ago, on March 19, East Gwillimbury Council declared a State of Emergency. Our Town has never made such a declaration however, to align with the Province, our neighbouring municipalities and to demonstrate to our community the seriousness of this situation, it was the appropriate decision to make.

A dedicated COVID-19 staff team is in place at the Town to specifically deal with issues and concerns as they arise. Council, with staff, continue to monitor and assess this situation, making decisions that best serve our community. Over the past weeks, the Town has closed all Town facilities and cancelled all programs; closed all playground equipment and skate parks; posted signage at trails to re-enforce the importance of physical distancing when walking; approved up to five bags of untagged garbage, to be placed on the curb for pick up; and continue to provide community updates as information is made available. In addition, the payment of tax and water bills due in early April have been deferred to May 1. Staff are working with the Province and Region to address potential additional deferrals at this time. Please, if you have the means to continue to make your tax and water payments, you are encouraged to do so. This will ensure we can better support those that are most vulnerable.

Like many, I continue to urge everyone to be diligent in practicing self-isolation and physical distancing. It is what we do today, tomorrow and in the coming weeks that will determine when we will be able to get through this crisis. Staying at home is no longer a request, it is a social responsibility that each of us must follow. Limit your outings to essential trips only, and please remember if you are taking time to go outside for a walk, keep a two-metre distance from others.

On April 7, Council will be meeting for the first time in the newly legislated virtual format to discuss the COVID-19 situation and the impact on our Town. Further details on this meeting will be released later this week.

Please visit our website at [www.eastgwillimbury.ca/COVID19](http://www.eastgwillimbury.ca/COVID19) for updates and additional information.

In closing, I would like to thank all the frontline and essential workers for your efforts and dedication to keep us safe. Be supportive and kind – together we will get through this.

*Virginia Hackson*

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## SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

Council will hold the Town's first ever electronic Special Council Meeting on **Tuesday, April 7 at 3 p.m.** To provide comments to Council regarding an item on the agenda please visit [www.eastgwillimbury.ca/councilmeetings](http://www.eastgwillimbury.ca/councilmeetings) to complete the deputation request form.

The agenda for the April 7 meeting will be available at noon on April 2 at [www.eastgwillimbury.ca/agendas](http://www.eastgwillimbury.ca/agendas).

### Get Involved with Council Meetings!

- ▶ **Watch live at:**  
<https://eastgwillimbury.civicweb.net/Portal/>
- ▶ **If you miss the meetings, you can watch them at:**  
[www.youtube.com/TownEastGwillimbury](https://www.youtube.com/TownEastGwillimbury)

## COVID-19 RESIDENT FAQs

Visit [www.eastgwillimbury.ca/COVID19](http://www.eastgwillimbury.ca/COVID19) to view a full list of frequently asked questions and information on affected Town programs and services.

For COVID-19 information and updates, please visit:

- [www.york.ca/COVID19](http://www.york.ca/COVID19)
- [www.ontario.ca/coronavirus](http://www.ontario.ca/coronavirus)
- [www.canada.ca/covid19](http://www.canada.ca/covid19)

## COMMUNITY DONATIONS

Attention local businesses, due to COVID-19 there is an increased need for personal protective equipment, that is crucial to the response for paramedics, first responders, local hospitals and staff working in long-term care and retirement homes. To make a donation, please email [COVID19@york.ca](mailto:COVID19@york.ca).

We'd like to extend a big thank you to Welland Developments for making a donation of 10,000 masks to help support our community! The masks will be given to York Region who will work with our community health partners and share where the need is required.



## MOSQUITO CONTROL PROGRAM

The Town's mosquito control program is scheduled to begin in April, weather permitting. The program consists of application of a biological larvicide (VectoBac 200G [PCP#18158, granular formulation]), by helicopter, to standing water mosquito breeding habitats within the Town.

Property owners within the treatment areas were mailed objection forms. If you object to having Vectobac applied to your property, please complete the objection form. No response is required if you support the mosquito control program.

To view the full notice and learn more about the program, visit [www.eastgwillimbury.ca/mosquito](http://www.eastgwillimbury.ca/mosquito).

## STAY CONNECTED WITH THE TOWN!

Customer Service is available during facility closures.  
You can contact the team by:

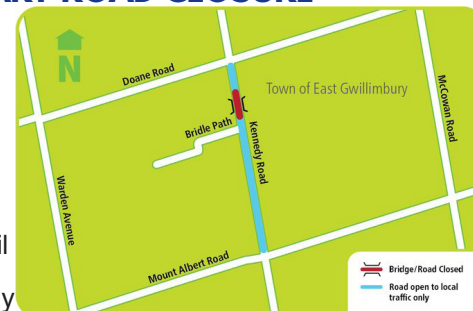
- ✉ [customerservice@eastgwillimbury.ca](mailto:customerservice@eastgwillimbury.ca)
- ☎ **905-478-4282**
- ➔ [www.eastgwillimbury.ca/customerservice](http://www.eastgwillimbury.ca/customerservice)

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## PUBLIC NOTICES

### TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE

Kennedy Rd. between Mount Albert Rd. and Doane Rd. is scheduled to be closed beginning Monday, April 6, 2020 for approximately three



weeks to complete a bridge replacement. Work will be completed between 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday to Saturday. Access to properties will be permitted throughout the closure.

Work may be rescheduled due to weather conditions or delays related to COVID-19 and Public Health guidelines. Visit [www.york.ca/roadconstruction](http://www.york.ca/roadconstruction) for more information and updates.

## WASTE COLLECTION UPDATES

### Long-Weekend Schedule Changes

Waste collection that is scheduled for Friday, April 10 will be collected on Saturday, April 11. Visit [www.eastgwillimbury.ca/waste](http://www.eastgwillimbury.ca/waste) for more information regarding EG waste collection.

### Yard Waste Collection

Yard waste collection begins on April 7 and takes place every other week on your scheduled collection day. Be sure to place yard waste by the curb at 7 a.m. Download the Town's Recycle Coach App in your App store to receive weekly waste collection reminders.

To search which items go where, visit [www.york.ca/bindicator](http://www.york.ca/bindicator)

## EAST GWILLIMBURY PUBLIC LIBRARY

The library is currently providing a variety of services online. Visit [www.egpl.ca](http://www.egpl.ca) to sign up for a new library card, check out ebooks, movies, music or magazines! Please note that all due dates have been extended to April 28, if you have questions, please email [info@egpl.ca](mailto:info@egpl.ca).