



Town of  
**East Gwillimbury**

**Office of the Mayor**

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Mayor Virginia Hackson, B.A., B.Ed.



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**Outdoor Skating Coming Soon!**

During the stay-at-home emergency orders, I know it can be difficult to find activities for the whole family to stay fit and get outdoors. We want to provide opportunities for our residents to continue to be active, so I was most pleased when following a meeting between Premier Ford and Ontario Mayors last week, it was confirmed that outdoor skating and tobogganing are permitted to operate under the current restrictions.

Despite weather challenges, our staff team continue to work to prepare our two outdoor ice surfaces for public use. To ensure they can open we need consistent cold temperatures, which has been tricky over the last few weeks as we have hovered around 0 °. Staff are hopeful that the two rinks in Mount Albert and Holland Landing will open this week!

In addition to having the ice surfaces ready for use, we must also implement safe use guidelines which will be in line with the current public health recommendations. These are being prepared and will likely include a pre-registration procedure to allow for a maximum number of users at one time. To stay up to date on the opening and pre-registration details be sure to visit our website and social media pages, as the information will be posted as soon as it is available.

In addition to ice skating to keep active we also have our wonderful walking trails which are being maintained for public access. Our Parks Team will be expanding our service levels to clear pathways throughout some of our major park systems to ensure that you have safe access to walk with your family.

I encourage everyone to enjoy the outdoors. As we continue in these difficult times it is important that we all act responsibly and do our part to eliminate the spread of the COVID-19 virus. Together we can make a difference to help make tomorrow safer for everyone.

Please remember to be kind to one another!

*"Our town, Our future"*

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