



March 19, 2020

### **Declaration of State of Emergency in East Gwillimbury**

Effective 4:24 p.m. on March 19, 2020, Mayor Virginia Hackson, on behalf of Town Council has declared a State of Emergency for the Town of East Gwillimbury.

On March 17, 2020, the Government of Ontario declared an emergency to help contain the spread of COVID-19 and protect the public. In keeping with the Province's declaration, municipalities across the province have been declaring an emergency to assist with consistent messaging and approach regarding COVID-19. This declaration ensures that the Town remains aligned with the Province, and our neighbouring municipalities.

The Town of East Gwillimbury remains committed to the health and safety of our residents and has established a COVID-19 Control Group. This group is working daily to respond to this emerging situation and is in constant communications with myself and Members of Council. We continue to also work closely with Provincial and York Region officials regarding this public health crisis.

At this time, Town facilities are closed, and programs have been cancelled to align with the Provincial School Board closure. Staff deployment has been adjusted to ensure the continued provision of services, while ensuring the health and safety of employees.

These are difficult and extraordinary times for all of us. On behalf of Council and Town staff, I want to continue to assure everyone in our community that we are working hard to help flatten the curve of COVID-19. We are hopeful that we will return to normalized operations in the near future and will continue to monitor and respond to this evolving challenge.