



Town of  
**East Gwillimbury**

**Office of the Mayor**

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



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**Community Message From Mayor Virginia Hackson**

As we approach the one-year mark since the Town declared our first-ever State of Emergency due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we are beginning to see the light at the end of the tunnel. With recent vaccine announcements, moving into the second phase of vaccinations including those 80 and over, and with York Region moving into the Red-Control Zone last week, we are hopeful that things will continue to progress and we can find our “new normal”.

With the Red-Control Zone, the Town can increase access to municipal facilities, including ice time at the Sports Complex and limited in-person programs through our Recreation Team.

I know many people are looking for ways for their family to get out of the house in a safe manner and get exercise. This past Monday, the Town released our Spring Health & Active Living Guide, which includes in-person and virtual programs. Registration will begin March 8. I know some people may still be uneasy about attending these programs, but all programs have increased safety measures, following all public health recommendations and are limited to 10 people per program. We are also mindful of changing public health recommendations, and should any changes occur where we can't host our in-person programs, a full refund will be provided.

As we continue to navigate these changing times, we must also remember that we continue to have new cases every day. While we wait for the full vaccine rollout, we must continue to practice the recommended safety measures to avoid further spread and potential lockdowns. This past year has been extremely difficult, and I thank everyone who continues to do their part to keep everyone safe.

We are all looking forward to brighter and better days and I am confident they are within reach.

*“Our town, Our future”*

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