



The Township of The Archipelago

Message to our Community

April 24th, 2020

Dear Resident(s),

As cottage season approaches, like you, I feel the cottage calling me to the place where I find peace and tranquility. But sadly, these are not normal times. The world including our own backyard is experiencing an unprecedented crisis. Council and staff are proactively thinking ahead as best as we can given these dynamic time, but we need your help.

There were 483 new cases of COVID-19 in Ontario when I sent my last letter to you on Apr 9th. Yesterday, there were 634 new cases of COVID-19 in Ontario. Cases are still rising. <https://newsinteractives.cbc.ca/coronavirustracker/> We need to stay the course and follow the direction from the province.



The Township staff and council are working diligently on your behalf by coordinating and communicating with provincial representatives, other municipalities emergency resources WPSHC and EMS, as well as trying to accommodate essential services like contractors performing work consistent with the Emergency Measures Act and with marinas to prepare for

staged re-opening. The challenge of delivering municipal services, including our key role in the WPS District Emergency Operations, supporting WPSHC and others is keeping Staff extremely busy. The WPSHC has experienced a significant number of new admissions within the last 24 hours and are awaiting COVID-19 test results on 8 patients. West Parry Sound remains at **SIGNIFICANT RISK!**

We are working and adapting to new provincial direction as it comes out. These are not normal times. We have received a number of calls about the inequitable treatment that some cottagers are feeling, and we are endeavoring to remedy that with our MPP and the Province. However, the message has not changed. Our main priority as a community at this time continues to be to stop the spread of COVID-19 and only you can help.

Stay Home and Stop the Spread, Thank You for Your Patience and Support

Sincerely,

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