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## MEDIA RELEASE

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### **Information Update Regarding COVID-19 Pandemic**

(Prescott) The Municipal Emergency Control Group (MECG) met virtually today to review and discuss increasing municipal services as the Province enters Stage 3 of the Re-Opening of Ontario.

The following is an update on the status of use of various municipal facilities and outdoor spaces:

#### **Town Hall**

- Re-opening to the public on July 21, 2020, for accessing municipal services (8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.)
- Masks must be worn by the public upon entering the building
- Anyone entering the building must sanitize their hands
- Contact tracing will be in place at the main reception area. Any member of the public entering the building must sign in - provide their name and contact phone number.
- Floor markers (6') will be on the floor to maintain distancing. Directional arrows will be placed on floor from entrance to exit. Plexiglass barriers have been installed at the reception desk.

#### **Prescott Public Library**

- Curbside exchange available on weekdays (1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.)
- Re-opening plan is currently being developed by library staff

#### **Playgrounds**

- Re-opening for public use on July 20, 2020.
- The play structures are not disinfected. Use at your own risk.
- Users are encouraged to practice proper hand hygiene and physical distancing.

#### **Beach Bathrooms**

- One bathroom currently open for public use.
- Remaining bathrooms will be opened within the week.

The skate park, parks and trails, benches, and picnic tables continue to be open for public use.

Every person plays an important role in the fight against the spread of the virus. It is important to continue recommended practices to limit the spread of COVID-19, including:

- Good hand hygiene – can be accomplished with at least 70% alcohol-based hand sanitizer rub or washing your hands for 20 seconds with soap and warm water
- Physical Distancing – remain 2 metres apart from others outside of your household and/or social circle
- Wear a mask or face covering when you are in an indoor public space, and put one on when you are in potentially close contact with other people outdoors
- Stay home if you are feeling any signs or symptoms of sickness
- If you feel you may have been exposed to COVID-19, visit an Ontario Assessment Centre

“We are all very happy to be moving into Stage 3 and re-opening play structures, our library, and other municipal facilities,” said Mayor Brett Todd. “At the same time, we all have to continue to maintain precautions such as hand washing, physical distancing, and mask wearing. We want to continue to move forward and right now it is on each and everyone of us to continue to take measures to prevent the spread of COVID-19.”

### **Property Taxes**

Residents and business owners are reminded that due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, the installments for final tax bills have been extended. Property tax bills will be mailed next week. The final installment due dates are August 31 and October 30, 2020.

### **Business Support**

The Town of Prescott is also supporting local businesses in the community with the creation of the Prescott Proud Dollars Shop Local Rewards Program and the Prescott Small Business Grant Program. For more information on these new programs, please visit our website.

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