

Town of Latchford Service and Information Update No. 3 Coronavirus Disease - COVID-19

For Immediate Release
April 15th 2020.

With the growing concerns over COVID-19, the health and safety of our residents, employees, and volunteers remain our top priority. The Town of Latchford is monitoring developments closely, and is committed to doing our part to help slow the spread of the virus. **Effective immediately** until further notice please see below for the following service updates and introduced measures. The Province has extended State of emergency for another 28 days to **May 12th 2020**.

Increased frequency of cleaning practices and sanitation efforts

We have enhanced sanitation practices and increased the frequency of cleansing our facility.

Municipal Services

Town Office

The Municipal Office will be closed to in-person transaction. Staff members will be conducting business during this time period for the continuation of municipal services and for processing payments.

If you need to pay your taxes or other bills please mail or use the drop box at the Town Office front door. **Council has approved interest on current tax and water accounts only be waived for the months of April, May, and June.**

Office staff is available by phone 705-676-2416

Public Works Water Treatment Plant and Fire Department

Public Works Services, Water Treatment Plant and Fire Response services are proceeding as usual. **All Fire Permits are suspended until further per the Ministry Of Natural Resources and Forestry.**

Garbage and Recycling Collection

Waste collection is proceeding as usual. Please help protect our collectors by safely disposing of waste:

- **Garbage Collection:** Please bag all garbage, and do not place waste loosely in garbage containers.
- **Recycling Collection:** as per notice from Eco-Logix.

Municipal Landfill Site

Municipal Landfill site is operating with normal hours. Before attending the landfill site, please ask yourself the following questions:

- Do you have a fever, new onset of cough or difficulty breathing?
- Have you or anyone in your family travelled outside of Canada in the last 14 days?
- Have you been in contact with anyone who has been diagnosed with, or is under investigation for the COVID-19 virus?

If you meet the above criteria, please do not come to the landfill site. Please follow the directions of local public health authorities (Timiskaming Health Unit No. 705-647-4305).

Cancellations

The Latchford Community Center has been closed for rental until further notice. The Town of Latchford will continue to update residents and users of the facility.

The Latchford Fitness Center will also remain closed until further notice.

The Town of Latchford recognizes that these changing service levels may present a challenge to some residents; however, our priority is to protect the residents of the Municipality. The Town Of Latchford will continue to monitor the evolving situation, and encourages everyone to take all reasonable precautions, and to stay informed by only sharing information from official sources.

Thank you for your cooperation, for your understanding and **stay safe**.