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MEDIA RELEASE

Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19)

(Parry Sound, ON. – March 18, 2020)

In light of the current COVID-19 global pandemic, the Town of Parry Sound will be implementing the following precautionary measures to help mitigate the spread of COVID-19 by implementing closures for the protection of our staff, residents and our community by limiting exposure to others:

Town of Parry Sound Municipal Office – Closed to public access

Effective 12:00pm Wednesday March 18, 2020 until further notice the Town of Parry Sound Municipal Office will have no public access. Municipal services will continue to be provided.

Payment Options

Payment options for property taxes and water accounts are available through online banking, at financial institutions or cheques can be deposited into the drop box located at the front of the Town Office (old entrance).

How to reach Municipal Office staff

The public can interact with staff through telephone and emails. Should an in-person meeting be required with a staff member, meetings will be by appointment only and screening will be required. Please call the office at (705) 746-2101 to speak to staff.

Town of Parry Sound Provincial Offences Office – Closed to public access

Effective 12:00pm Wednesday March 18, 2020 until further notice the Provincial Offences Office will have no public access.

Payment Options

Payment of Provincial Offences fines can be made by phone (705) 746-2553, by mail or online at <u>www.paytickets.ca</u>.

Cheques can be deposited in the drop box located at the front of the Town Office (old entrance).

How to reach POA staff

The public can interact with staff through telephone by calling (705) 746-2553.

Please note: Provincial Offences will not be enforcing late payments and no drivers' licences shall be suspended until April 23, 2020.

Town of Parry Sound Fire Hall – Closed to public access

Effective 12:00pm Wednesday March 18, 2020 until further notice the Fire Hall will have no public access. Municipal services will continue to be provided.

How to reach Fire Hall staff

The public can interact with staff through telephone and emails. Should an in-person meeting be required with a staff member, meetings will be by appointment only and screening will be required. Please call the office at 705-746-2262 to speak to staff.

Bobby Orr Community Centre, Charles W. Stockey Centre and Bobby Orr Hall of Fame – Closed to public access

Effective March 16, 2020 until April 6, 2020, the Bobby Orr Community Centre, the Charles W. Stockey Centre and the Bobby Orr Hall of Fame will be closed to the public. Programming has been cancelled or postponed.

How to reach facility staff

The public can interact with staff through telephone and emails. Bobby Orr Community Centre – (705) 746-2701 Charles W. Stockey Centre – (705) 746-4466 or <u>www.stockeycentre.com</u> Bobby Orr Hall of Fame – (705) 746-4466 or <u>ywww.bobbyorrhalloffame.com</u>

Waste Transfer Station - Open

The Waste Transfer Station will remain open to the public.

Other Municipal Buildings – Closed to public access

The remaining municipal buildings remain closed to public access, as per regular protocols.

Upcoming Event – Special Budget Meeting

The special budget meeting planned for Wednesday March 18, 2020 will continue as scheduled. We encourage public participation through alternative avenues including providing comments in writing ahead of the meeting, by live steaming the meeting through our YouTube channel or viewing through the YourTV Community Channel. Comments can be provided by email to the Clerk, Rebecca Johnson by email rjohnson@townofparrysound.com

The Town of Parry Sound continues to work closely with the North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit, the West Parry Sound Health Centre, West Parry Sound Area Municipalities, and Community partners to monitor the COVID-19 (Novel Coronavirus) situation and respond appropriately.

We encourage everyone to stay informed by learning about the virus and what you can do to protect yourself, your family and your neighbours and to prevent the virus from spreading.

Additional information will be made available on the Town of Parry Sound website, <u>www.parrysound.ca/coronavirus</u>, and though our social media accounts as it becomes available.

For up to date information about the virus please refer to the following websites: North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit – <u>www.myhealthunit.ca</u> Ontario Ministry of Health – <u>www.ontario.ca/coronavirus</u> Public Health Agency of Canada – <u>www.canada.ca/coronavirus</u>

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