



Township of Southwold

COVID-19

Community Update

The Township of Southwold has been closely monitoring the COVID-19 situation and working towards minimizing the risk to staff and the community.

With this challenging circumstance now affecting all programs and services in and around the community, the Township aims to maintain a balanced approach while also having the highest regard for public safety and public health related issues. The Township has remained in contact with Southwestern Public Health for the most up to date information and will continue to make decisions based on the recommendations of Southwestern Public Health and the Province of Ontario.

- The Township remains open for business and Township employees will continue to report to work if they can do so; however, the Municipal Office is being closed to the public starting Wednesday, March 18, 2020.
- Residents are encouraged to make use of alternate means to conduct business with the Township. This includes:
 - Telephone – call the Township and staff will work with you over the phone

519-769-2010

- Email – staff will attempt to transact as much business as possible over email or other electronic means. If you don't know who to contact, email:

southwold@southwold.ca
 - Payments - can be made online/telephone banking, drop box at the office, mail, Credit Card (2% surcharge is being waived for credit card processing over the phone)
 - Building Permits – the Township has implemented an online Building Permit application system – for more information see the Township Website or contact the Chief Building Official.
- Residents should be mindful of the recommended social distancing practices and are requested to not approach employees that are working outside.
- The Keystone Complex is closed until further notice.
- All Township recreational programs have been cancelled until further notice.
- There will not be water shut-offs

- The **March 31st** Property Tax installment remains in place at this time; however, Council authorized the waiving of penalty related to late payment of this installment.
- The next regular meeting of Council scheduled for Tuesday, April 14, 2019 is planned to take place at this time.
- Council will be meeting as needed prior to that meeting for matters related to Township operations and COVID-19.

Please follow the Township's website www.southwold.ca or Facebook Page for more information as the situation changes with Township services.

Finally, please be reminded that Southwestern Public Health is the most reliable and accurate source of information relating to COVID-19 in Elgin County. Information can be found on the Southwestern Public Health webpage (www.swpublichealth.ca)

For further information contact:

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