



Service and Information Update Coronavirus Pandemic – COVID -19 For Immediate Release March 31, 2020

The Township of Larder Lake is closely monitoring developments as the COVID-19 situation changes, and is committed to doing our part to help slow the spread of the virus and protect our community and partners.

The Municipal Emergency Control Group has been meeting to determine the best steps moving forward. This group exists for the purpose of determining measures to be taken during any and all emergency situations which may arise.

This is a time of unprecedented challenges. All parties involved are doing the best we can with the directives we are given. We would like to express our appreciation for your understanding while we navigate through these uncertain times.

Please see below for the service updates and emergency measures that have been implemented:

Municipal Office

- Has been closed to the public until further notice. However, Staff members are available via phone or by email to answer any questions or concerns.
- Staff will be conducting business during this time and are able to process payment over the phone and electronically, by cheque, and are available to help set residents up with Pre-Authorized Payments (PAP) for taxes or esend for both taxes and utilities. Cheques may be dropped off in the library return box located at the 4th Avenue entrance to the municipal building.
- All meetings of Council are taking place electronically as per Bill 187.
- All Staff are practicing social distancing and disinfecting work stations and vehicles often.
- Enhanced sanitation procedures and increased frequency of cleansing of the facility is taking place.

Other Municipal Facility Closures

- The Larder Lake Ski Hill is closed for the season
- The Municipal Complex Gym is closed and unavailable for rental until further notice
- The Larder Lake Public Library is closed until further notice
- The Larder Lake Senior's Center is closed until further notice
- The Larder Lake Early Learning School Readiness Program is closed until further notice

Municipal Waste Collection and Landfill Site

- Waste Collection will continue as usual. Please ensure all trash is properly contained in bags – **no loose items will be picked up.**
- Residents are asked to please disinfect their garbage cans before and after pickup, including lids and handles, to limit the potential for spreading germs between households.
- Recycling will also continue; however, residents are asked to not participate in this service if they have been infected or are displaying symptoms related to the COVID-19 disease. Eco-Logix also requests that
 - All recycling be placed in clear bags, with the exception of cardboard
 - All material from buildings they typically go inside to collect must be left outside
 - Toilet paper, napkins, Kleenex must not be included with recycling
- Landfill Hours remain the same
 - Thursday 10:00 am – 4:00 pm
 - Saturday 9:00 am – 4:00pm

Municipal Landfill – Important Notice

In an effort to limit physical contact, the handling of cash payments and receipts has been suspended, and no cash transactions are permitted at this time. The attendant will maintain records of all waste deposited at the site, and receipts / invoices will be mailed to residents. Please ensure that when visiting the landfill you have your landfill pass number to give to the attendant.

Public Works

- Public Works Services will be carried out as usual; however, employees will be taking every extra precaution possible when doing so.

Fire Department – Fire Ban Effective April 1st 2020

Due to the COVID-19 Global Pandemic, the Municipality of Larder Lake has implemented a **Municipal Fire Ban** until further notice. The safety of our residents is first and foremost during this time. In an effort to discourage social gathering and to protect our volunteer roster, all open-air fires within the Municipal boundaries are prohibited, including fires for cooking and warmth. Persons must make alternate provisions for cooking and warmth, such as using propane stoves or charcoal burners intended for that use. This ban will remain in effect during the pandemic. The Larder Lake Fire Department would like to thank everyone for their co-operation during this period.

- Fire response will continue as usual, with as many measures to protect our volunteers in place as possible.

Services Offered

To help reduce the spread of the COVID-19 virus within our community, the Larder Lake Co-op and its Volunteers would like to offer a FREE essentials delivery service to Larder Lake residents. Simply call the store, place your order, and arrange payment. A minimum order of \$25.00 is required. The store will contact the volunteer(s). Deliveries will be left at your door. **Volunteers will not enter your household.**

Larder Lake Co-op and volunteers are not responsible for any lost or damaged items, or accuracy of order.



COVID-19 Precautions for Residents

Here at the Township, we have acted swiftly and implemented necessary emergency measures to ensure that our Staff and all members of the community stay safe. Please practice similar safety measures at home.

As outlined by the Government of Canada:

- Wash /sanitize hands often
- Avoid touching face
- Cough or sneeze into your arm and disinfect surfaces
- Avoid crowded places
- Avoid all non-essential travel
- If you are sick, stay home
- Contact your primary care provider or Telehealth Ontario at 1-866-797-0000 if you are experiencing symptoms of the 2019 novel coronavirus.

We must all work together during this uncertain time to stop the spread of COVID-19. Our window to flatten the curve is narrow and we must act now.

Prepare today for a safe tomorrow