



Press Release

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Impact of COVID-19 on Township of Adjala -Tosorontio Services

I wish to first thank our first responders and hospital staff in Simcoe County along with all our firefighters. I want them to know that they have our entire community's support.

As many of you know, the Township of Adjala -Tosorontio has been, and continues to be, doing its part to reduce the transmission of COVID-19 in our community and our country. The Township's main focus will always be to protect our community (including residents of the Township and employees of the Township) from this pandemic, while at the same time striving to ensure that municipal services are provided to those in need.

We have taken, and will continue to take, appropriate steps as recommended by Public Health Ontario to provide a safe work environment for our employees while still being able to focus on continuing to deliver essential services for the community. Some of those steps include closing the Township's municipal offices on March 17, 2020 to the public and implementing a number of internal safety protocols, including providing separate office space and sanitized wipes to each staff member, directing staff to engage in 2 meter social distancing, and taking the temperature of all employees entering the Township's offices.

To further protect our staff and limit the transmission of COVID-19, as of March 31, 2020, I decided to allow all the office staff to work remotely with only essential staff reporting to work onsite at the Township's main offices on an as needed basis. For example, public works staff will continue to work onsite as public works is an essential service for the community. I am confident that we will strike the appropriate balance between permitting staff to work from home, while at the same time striving to ensure that essential services continue to be provided to our residents. Working arrangements will be regularly reviewed and revised as the COVID-19 situation evolves.

On behalf of the Township and its staff, I thank our residents for your understanding. I strongly encourage every resident to listen to federal and provincial public health authorities, do the responsible thing and practice social distancing and strong personal hygiene in order to protect our loved ones, our friends and our community. We will get through this by staying vigilant and supporting each other.

During this time, residents can continue to call and email Township staff for services. For

general inquiries, please call the Township of Adjala-Tosorontio at 705-434-5055 or visit the Township's website at www.adjtos.ca. Please inform your neighbours that there are services available for our seniors, they can call 211 to get deliveries of food and pharmaceuticals. We are all in this together, although we are a small community we are one big family. We must stay strong and we will get through this.

Mayor of Adjala-Tosorontio