



Media Release

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Notice- Closure of Town Facilities and Operational Update in Response to Provincial Shutdown

The Town of The Blue Mountains would like to advise residents that all municipal facilities will be closed to public access beginning on Thursday, December 24, 2020, in response to the Provincial shutdown announced yesterday. The closures will remain in effect until the Province ends the shutdown and until it is deemed safe to open for public access.

Facility closures include: Town Hall, Beaver Valley Community Centre and Arena, Craigleith Community Centre, Ravenna Hall, The Blue Mountains Public Library and the Craigleith Heritage Depot.

During the facility closures, all essential services will continue to operate as normal. Town staff will continue to be available to assist residents over the phone and by email during regular business hours. Online services can also be accessed 24/7 by visiting:

www.thebluemountains.ca/online-services.cfm

In addition, the Town would like to advise residents of the following operational updates:

- A special meeting of Council has been scheduled for Monday, January 4, 2021, at 1:00 pm to discuss the impacts of the Provincial shutdown and necessary actions to support the community and businesses.
- The Town has been in contact with all licensed Short Term Accommodation owners and operators. Town staff will be actively monitoring licensed Short Term Accommodation units throughout the community during the Provincial shutdown.
- The Town waste disposal site will continue to operate as modified, with hours of operation reduced by one hour each day to accommodate additional cleaning.
- The new outdoor winter recreational activities will continue to be offered as planned, which include the grooming of the Georgian Trail and the Tomahawk Recreational Complex as permitted by the Province within the Grey Zone criteria. For details, visit: www.exploreblue.ca/recreation
- The Blue Mountains Public Library will continue to provide virtual programs, services and curbside pickup. Please check the Blue Mountains Public Library website for details: www.thebluemountainslibrary.ca/

The Town would also like to remind the public that regardless of where you are from, gatherings are now restricted to members of the same household, and it is expected that everyone follows the current public health guidelines, which includes: wearing a mask or face covering in public indoor spaces, limiting close contacts with those outside your household,

practicing physical distancing of at least 2 metres, and washing hands with soap and water or sanitizer for at least 20 seconds.

For additional information regarding the Provincial Shutdown, please visit the Province of Ontario website at: <https://covid-19.ontario.ca> or the Grey Bruce Health Unit website at www.publichealthgreybruce.on.ca.

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