



Media Release

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Notice- Update Regarding Town Facilities in Response to Provincial Emergency Brake Shutdown Beginning April 3

The Town of The Blue Mountains would like to advise residents that Town Hall will remain open to public access with continued safety measures in place. Other municipal facilities will be closed to public access beginning on Saturday April 3, 2021, in response to the Province-wide emergency brake shutdown announced on Thursday, April 1, 2021. 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: 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, including the Town's landfill, which will operate under enhanced cleaning and safety protocols. 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.

During the emergency brake shutdown, Short Term Accommodations are only to be provided to individuals who are in need of housing. The Town has been in contact with all licensed Short Term Accommodation owners and operators and will be actively monitoring licensed units throughout the community.

The Blue Mountains Public Library would like to remind residents that both facilities will offer contactless curbside pickup only, and virtual programs will continue to be provided during this time. Limited staff will be onsite to take phone calls to support residents needing assistance with placing holds and for those who require assistance with the provincial online vaccination process. For more information, please check the Blue Mountains Public Library website by visiting: www.thebluemountainslibrary.ca/.

The Town would like to remind residents and the public that regardless of where you are from, gatherings are restricted to members of the same household only, and it is expected that everyone continues to follow the current public health guidelines, including: wearing a mask or face covering in public indoor spaces, practicing physical distancing of at least 2 metres, and washing your hands with soap and water or sanitizer for at least 20 seconds.

As weather conditions warm, residents are reminded to check the Town website for updates on all outdoor recreational opportunities, including information regarding the Tomahawk Golf Course.

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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