

## **MEDIA RELEASE-4**

**Tuesday April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

**(For Immediate Release)**

### **Township of Augusta - Coronavirus (COVID-19)**

(MAYNARD) The Township of Augusta held another meeting of the Municipal Emergency Control Group on Friday morning to review our COVID-19 action plan.

The Township of Augusta reminds residents that all public amenities and facilities are closed to the general public until further notice.

The Waste Transfer Sites remain open, with a limit of 6-vehicles at a time. We are asking residents to limit trips to the transfer stations to once per week, to sort recyclables prior to attending, continue to observe a 2metre (6feet) space and restrict the number of people attending. To keep in practise with physical distancing, staff will no longer support individuals with unloading items from customers' vehicles.

The Township is activating a new Augusta Township COVID-19 hotline with the expectation to be live on Thursday April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2020. **The number for the hotline is: 613-348-3455 ext. 222.** This hotline is to assist residents, with the goal of allowing residents to reach out for services in our community, including grocery delivery, senior assistance, mental health etc. Residents can leave a message and staff will return their call as soon as possible.

“I want to thank the residents of Augusta Township for cooperating with measures put in place for protecting everyone from the spread of COVID-19. The Municipal Emergency Control Group (MECG) established to deal with emergencies in the Township is working effectively to deal with the COVID-19 pandemic and the potential for flooding this spring along the St. Lawrence River.” said Mayor Doug Malanka. “I would like to remind residents to strengthen your efforts for protecting everyone against the spread of COVID-19 by limiting travel outside of your residence to what is truly essential. Consider alternatives for obtaining essential services and stay in contact with your friends and neighbours via telephone or social media to ensure they remain safe and healthy.”

Stop the spread. COVID 19 can be deadly. The time to act is NOW. Everyone but essential workers need to stay home. Only go out if necessary, to pick up groceries, prescriptions or go to a medical appointment. Ignoring self-isolation or physical distancing advice can have devastating effects and endanger lives. Protect yourself and others. Stay home.

Learn more: <http://covid-19.ontario.ca>

Leeds, Grenville and Lanark District Public Health: <https://healthunit.org/coronavirus/>

Ontario Ministry of Health: <https://www.ontario.ca/page/2019-novel-coronavirus>

Health Canada: <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/diseases/coronavirus--disease-covid-19.html>

Updates will continue to be provided on the Township's website and social media platforms.