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**Township of West Lincoln**

**MEDIA RELEASE**

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**Update # 15 - West Lincoln response to COVID-19 matters – Township Facilities closed to the public until May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2020.**

**West Lincoln, Ont. – April 28, 2020**

The Township of West Lincoln Emergency Operations Centre (EOC) continues to be partially activated in response to the spread of the COVID-19 virus in the Niagara Region.

All Township closures will remain in effect until May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2020, in keeping with the provincial announcement regarding school closures.

At the Council meeting held on April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2020, Council approved additional assistance to property owners impacted by COVID-19 and the following financial relief measures have been extended to June 30, 2020:

- The waiver of penalty for non-payment or late payment of taxes levied and charged in 2020
- The waiver of penalty and any other associated fees for non-payment or late payment of water bills issued in 2020
- The waiver of penalty on Accounts Receivable amounts past due
- The waiver of NSF (non-sufficient funds) charges

The Township is beginning to turn its attention to the ways it can respond to the Province's "Framework for Reopening our Province". We want a plan in place so that we can be ready.

Mayor Dave Bylsma stated:

"Staff and Council continue to monitor and adjust. It is widely acknowledged that the flattening of the curve is well underway and this allows us the opportunity to follow the lead of the province in getting our community back in gear. Having said this however leads us to also state that this will be done responsibly so as not to lose the ground we have fought so hard to gain. We ask for your continued patience and restraint even as the better weather arrives."

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Some good resources for up to date information include:

Niagara Region: <https://www.niagararegion.ca/health/covid-19/default.aspx>

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

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

World Health Organization: <https://www.who.int/health-topics/coronavirus>