

COVID-19 Information

State of Emergency 

The City of Orillia declared a **State of Emergency** on March 20, 2020 in response to COVID-19 to protect the health and safety of the Orillia community. We are in regular communications with the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit, Soldiers' Memorial Hospital and the County of Simcoe Health and Emergency Services regarding COVID-19. Information is changing rapidly. For the most current City of Orillia information, please visit orillia.ca/COVID-19.

City Updates as of June 15

Access to City Services

The City of Orillia continues to adapt its processes to provide services to the community during the COVID-19 pandemic. While most City of Orillia operated facilities remain closed to public access at this time, many services are being provided via email, online and by telephone. For more information related to City services affected by COVID-19, please visit orillia.ca/COVID-19.

For local health information updates, including information on local COVID-19 cases, visit simcoemuskokahealth.org or call 705-721-7520. For Provincial updates, visit ontario.ca/coronavirus.

Parks Amenities Update

Following the Province's announcement that the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit area is permitted to enter into Stage 2 of reopening, the City of Orillia has reopened beaches and select park washrooms for public access as of June 12.

Beaches

- Couchiching Beach, located at Couchiching Beach Park
- Moose Beach, located at J.B. Tudhope Memorial Park

Although the beaches will be open to public access, buoy lines have not been installed and lifeguards will not be on duty until their regularly scheduled start date. The beaches will be guarded daily from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. beginning June 26 until Labour Day.

Public Park Washrooms

Couchiching Beach washroom building, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Moose Beach washroom building (limited stalls), from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Park washrooms will have physical distancing measures in place and enhanced cleaning protocols. Other washrooms within the park system will be reopened in a phased approach with the majority expected to be open by June 27.

Splash Pads

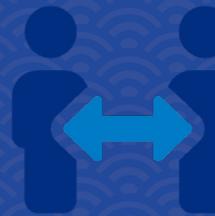
For the 2020 summer season, the Moose Beach splash pad located at J.B. Tudhope Memorial Park will be the only splash pad open in Orillia. This is due in part to the extensive health and safety protocols outlined by the Lifesaving Society for splash pads to operate in a safe manner during COVID-19. The Moose Beach splash pad is the only splash pad that has Ultraviolet Disinfection (UV) and additional chlorine disinfection. The site also allows for physical distancing required, along with a controlled entry and exit point. The Moose Beach splash pad is anticipated to open later this month.

The following restrictions remain in effect:

- Outdoor playgrounds, play structures and equipment remain closed until further notice.

Reopening Doesn't Mean Relaxing

Social gathering restrictions remain in place. You must maintain 2 metres apart from anyone not in your household or social circle.



- The Kiwanis Skateboard Park is still limited to **five (5)** users at one time at the park.
- Baseball diamonds and athletic fields remain closed until July 5, 2020.
- No garage/yard sales until July 5, 2020.
- All local events must be postponed or cancelled until Aug. 31, 2020.

For more information, please visit orillia.ca/COVID-19.

Registration is Now Open for Camp Orillia

The City of Orillia is offering an alternative day camp this summer to assist those returning to work who require child care. Camp Orillia is open to children aged six to 12.

Priority will be given to Orillia residents. To register visit orillia.ca/sun. For more information, please contact the Community Services Department at parcs@orillia.ca or 705-329-7250.



A Healthier, Greener Orillia

All City-owned and leased properties are smoke and vape free. For specific exemptions and to learn more, visit orillia.ca/smokefree.

Stay safe. Shop *local!*

As the economy continues to open up under Provincial guidelines, more businesses are looking to resume operations. Consumers are encouraged to renew their relationships with their favorite local service providers in a safe manner. Without your support, many local businesses may not survive!

Spend your money where it matters most – shop local. To find out how and where to shop locally, please visit shoplocalorillia.ca. Check out the City of Orillia's YouTube Channel for our *Stay Safe. Shop Local* videos.

From June 16 - 22 the City's Economic Recovery Task Force is sponsoring an online local auction hosted by orilliamatters.com. Bid soon and bid often to help support local businesses!



Important Dates

Upcoming Meetings

Monday, June 22: No Meeting

Monday, June 29: No Meeting

Monday, July 6: No Meeting

Monday, July 13: No Meeting

Monday, July 20: Committee and Council

In an effort to encourage physical distancing, meetings will be electronic only. Residents are encouraged to watch the meetings on Rogers TV or online. Full agenda packages and the streaming link are available at orillia.ca. For further information contact the Office of the City Clerk at 705-325-1311 or clerks@orillia.ca.

Job Opportunities

Building Inspector (three-year contract)

Development Services and Engineering Department
Closing: June 19, 2020

Farmers' Market Manager

Business Development and Communications Department
Closing: June 24, 2020

Probationary Fire Fighters

Fire Department
Closing: July 3, 2020

Please note: Recruitment and interviews are beginning to commence again. Please visit orillia.ca/employment for a list/status of all positions.

Tax and Water Payment Reminders during COVID-19

Payments for both tax and water bills are encouraged via online or telephone banking.

A drop slot is also available for payment, located outside 50 Andrew St. S.

Property tax penalties and interest will be waived through to July 31, 2020 on 2020 bills only. This includes both residential and business accounts.

NOTE: Starting July 1, 2020, penalty and interest will be applied to outstanding bills for 2019 and older.

- Water and sewer penalties and interest will be waived through to Sept. 30, 2020. This includes both residential and business accounts.
- Non-Sufficient Funds (NSF) charges are waived for any pre-authorized payment plan until July 31, 2020 (you may still incur charges by your bank).
- Suspension of all water shut-offs due to non-payment of water bills until Sept. 30, 2020.

MPAC (Municipal Property Assessment Corporation) have postponed 2020 assessments. They have indicated that property assessments for the 2021 property tax year will continue to be based on the fully phased-in January 1, 2016 current values.

Notice

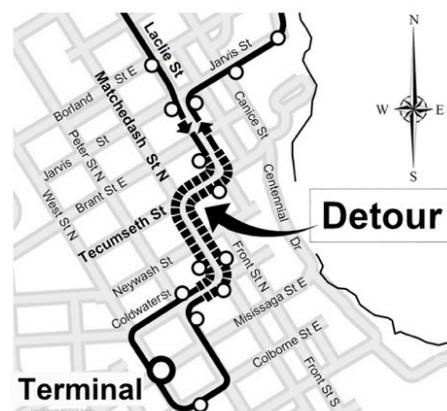
Orillia Transit Detour Notice

Temporary Laclie Route Modification

The City of Orillia will continue to detour a portion of the Laclie transit route to accommodate the reconstruction of Front Street and the road closure of Neywash Street from Front Street to Laclie Street. The Laclie transit route will continue one block north of Neywash Street to Tecumseth Street along Matchedash Street (see map).

The transit detours and changes will be implemented and in place as of June 15, 2020 until further notice.

For more information, please visit orillia.ca/transit, orillia.ca/frontstreet or call 705-326-8300.



City of Orillia Clean-up Initiative

It's that time of year: spring into action and help clean up our city.

Step 1: Register your group at bit.ly/orillia-clean-up.

Step 2: Drop by Veterans' Memorial Park (154 Elgin St. Orillia beside the Royal Canadian Legion) on Friday, June 19 between 12 and 4 p.m. or Saturday, June 20 between 8 a.m. and 12 p.m. to pick up your pitch-in garbage bags and personal protective equipment (PPE).

Step 3: Between June 19 and July 4, collect garbage in your designated area, leaving your specially-marked bags at the curb on your regular garbage pick-up day, for free!

For more information, visit kidsforturtles.com. This event has been organized in partnership by Lakehead University, Kids for Turtles and the City of Orillia.