

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.

For updated information related to City of Orillia updates and services, visit orillia.ca/COVID-19. For local health information updates, visit the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit at simcoemuskokahealth.org. For Provincial information regarding COVID-19, please visit the Province of Ontario's web page at ontario.ca/coronavirus.

City Information as of May 4

Orillia Waste Diversion Site Now Open with Reduced Hours and Restrictions

The City of Orillia has reopened the Waste Diversion Site effective May 4, 2020. Use of the landfill during the emergency should be limited to essential disposal requirements only. The City continues to strongly advocate for people to stay at home as much as possible to stop the spread of COVID-19. Residents should only come to the Waste Diversion Site if absolutely necessary.

The Waste Diversion Site has the following operation restrictions in place with the health and safety of employees and customers in mind:

- Open Monday to Friday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. (closed on weekends and statutory holidays).
- Debit or credit only. **No cash.**
- Essential loads only. Please do not bring in items that can be set at the curb like recycling and small loads of tagged garbage.
- Limits of 10 vehicles on the site at the same time.
- While in the lineup of vehicles to get into the landfill, all residents must stay in their vehicles and ensure that they are not blocking traffic on Kitchener Street or West Street.
- Please follow all signage and staff direction to assist in reducing wait times.
- All visitors to the site must maintain a physical distance of two metres (six feet) from anyone else at all times.
- Visitors must follow safety precautions and staff instructions.

Access to City Services

The City of Orillia has closed all City-operated facilities for public access with the exception of the Waste Diversion Site and City Centre, which remains open from 1:45-4:15 p.m., Monday to Friday, in order to access County of Simcoe Ontario Works. Critical City services, such as water, wastewater, road maintenance, waste collection and fire service, will continue and we are providing services by phone, email, mail and online where possible.

Community Assistance Package

Many measures have been put in place to assist Orillia citizens, businesses, and community organizations that are affected by the COVID-19 pandemic.

For detailed information related to City services, including the Community Assistance Package, visit orillia.ca/COVID-19.

Non-Essential Services

The City of Orillia is following provincial regulations pertaining to the operation of essential businesses. An updated list of essential businesses as determined by the Province of Ontario is available at ontario.ca/covid or by calling the Stop the Spread Business Information Line at 1-888-444-3659.

Stay Up-To-Date on Social Media:

 @CityOrillia  @CityofOrillia  @TheCityofOrillia

Emergency Measures By-law

Enforcement measures are in effect through By-law 2020-28 to help protect the health, safety and well-being of Orillia residents. To report individuals who are violating emergency orders, please call the Ontario Provincial Police non-emergency number at 1-888-310-1122. You can also call the City of Orillia COVID-19 Enforcement Hotline at 705-325-2313 (Monday to Sunday, 7 a.m. to 10 p.m.) or email clerks@orillia.ca. Phone call volumes to the enforcement line may require you to leave a voicemail. Complaints received will be investigated and addressed based on priority level and resources available. It is critical that 9-1-1 is used for emergencies only. For details on the by-law, including how to report non-compliance, visit orillia.ca/COVID-19.

Orillia Soldiers' Memorial Hospital Information

Orillia COVID-19 Assessment Centre

Location: Kiwanis Building, Hospital campus
Open: 11 a.m. - 7 p.m. (Monday-Friday) and 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. (Saturday and Sunday). You can stay up-to-date with any changes at the assessment centre by visiting: osmh.on.ca/covid-19.

If you would like to donate Personal Protective Equipment to the hospital, please contact Lisa Wanamaker at lwanamaker@osmh.on.ca.

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Physical Distancing



If You Are Sick, Stay at Home



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News 📰

Ontario Energy Board Approves Orillia Power Distribution Corporation Sale to Hydro One

On April 30, 2020, the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) approved the sale of Orillia Power Distribution Corporation (OPDC) to Hydro One.

The sale includes the purchase of all shares of OPDC for \$26.35 million and the assumption of approximately \$14.9 million of debt, for a total transaction value of \$41.3 million, subject to closing adjustments. It is anticipated the sale will officially close in the coming months. The City of Orillia is retaining complete ownership of the Orillia Power Generation Corporation, the jewel of the Orillia Power Corporation, whose rich heritage, innovation and success in generating electricity continues to thrive.

After the deal has closed, Hydro One plans to construct a provincial warehouse and a regional operations centre in Orillia's Horne Business Park. This is in addition to the state-of-the-art primary Ontario Grid Control Centre already under construction on the site; Hydro One anticipates this facility being home to approximately 150-250 high-quality jobs. It is estimated that the Hydro One investments will bring approximately \$200 to \$300 million in near-term economic impact to the City and provides real, short and long-term economic development benefits for the community through significant investment, including highly-skilled, knowledge-based jobs and potential spin-off benefits.

OPDC will continue to operate as usual during the transition to Hydro One. OPDC employees will be transferred to Hydro One with similar pension and benefits, along with a one-year location guarantee. The approval also means that Orillia customers will have a guaranteed one per cent reduction in base distribution rates for the next five years, along with only inflationary increases between years six and 10.

For more information on the sale, please visit orillia.ca/techhub.

“During such a challenging economic climate due to COVID-19, the Ontario Energy Board’s approval of the sale of OPDC to Hydro One and the significant investments to be made in Orillia as a result of this decision is a beacon of light. The sale of the distribution arm of Orillia Power to Hydro One will bring tremendous growth and investment to the City of Orillia.”

- Mayor Steve Clarke

Notices ⓘ

Bleeker Street Improvements

Deemed an essential project by the Province in order to provide safe and reliable transportation for motorists and pedestrians, the City of Orillia will be making improvements on Bleeker Street from Colborne Street West to McKinnell Street. Improvements include: replacement of the existing sanitary sewers and storm drainage system, and road reconstruction including sidewalks.

The project began this week and completion is expected by August 1, 2020. During construction Bleeker Street will be closed, but local, business and emergency access will be maintained.



Reminder To Taxpayers

The second instalment of the 2020 interim tax bill is due and payable May 15, 2020.

Due to the COVID-19 emergency, penalty has been waived until June 30, 2020, which means you can pay your taxes when you are able to, up until June 30.

Although penalty has been waived, the City encourages you to continue with your payment plan if you are able.

Failure to receive the tax bill does not relieve the property owner from payment of taxes.

Payments for both tax and water bills are accepted at most financial institutions. To take advantage of our Pre-Authorized Tax Plan, please ensure that we receive the required signed pre-authorization tax form accompanied with a void cheque.

This form is available on the City of Orillia website at orillia.ca/billpayments. For more information call 705-329-7239.

Important Dates 📅

Upcoming Meetings

Monday, May 11: Special Council re Ratification of Budget Committee Report 2020-1

Monday, May 18: No Meeting (Victoria Day)

Monday, May 25: Council Committee and Council

Monday, June 1: No Meeting

Monday, June 8: No Meeting

Monday, June 15: Council 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

Probationary Fire Fighters, Fire Department
Closing: June 26, 2020

Please Note: Applications will continue to be received; however, interviews will not be scheduled until a later date. For a full list of positions available, including duties and qualifications, visit orillia.ca/employment.

Downtown Tomorrow CIP Grant Program Workshop

Wednesday, May 13, 2020 | 4 to 5 p.m.
(remote access begins at 3:45 p.m.) | Live “GoTo” Webinar

This program allows the City to offer a toolkit of financial incentive programs to encourage the revitalization of Downtown Orillia. Learn more about the CIP and how to apply at this upcoming workshop. Please RSVP by May 10, 2020 at orillia.ca/downtownCIP. The application deadline for the next intake is June 30, 2020.

For more information on the program and available grant programs visit

orillia.ca/downtownCIP.

