

## 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. For the most current City of Orillia information, please visit [orillia.ca/COVID-19](http://orillia.ca/COVID-19).

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

*Thank you!*

### The COVID-19 short-term waterfront parking and boat launch program ended on Sept. 7, 2020.

We would like to thank City residents and neighbouring township residents for their cooperation and understanding as the City implemented a waterfront parking and boat launch program in very short order due to COVID-19-related health and safety issues. Moving forward, Council has asked staff to explore a potential future waterfront parking strategy.

## City Updates as of Sept. 14

### Transit Pass/Parking Permit Exchanges Available

#### Transit Pass Exchanges - Available Until Sept. 30, 2020

If you purchased a monthly transit pass for the months of April, May and June, you can redeem these passes for an equal number of months for September, October and November. Transit pass exchanges can be completed at Orillia City Centre until Sept. 30, 2020. New passes can also be purchased at Orillia City Centre.

#### Parking Permit Exchanges - Available Until Dec. 24, 2020

If you pre-purchased a municipal parking lot permit before March 19, 2020, you can transfer your April to August permits for an equal number of months up to January 2021. Parking permit exchanges can be completed at Orillia City Centre until Dec. 24, 2020.

We encourage you to book an appointment at [orillia.ca/online-services](http://orillia.ca/online-services) to complete your exchange or purchase; however, Orillia City Centre will be open for walk-ins Monday to Friday, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

## See You on the Patio Program Extended Until Sept. 25

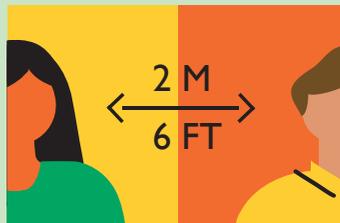
Expanded patios are open throughout the City to serve you. The Downtown Orillia street closure occurs each Friday from 4:30 to 11 p.m. until Sept. 25.

The See You on the Patio street closure offers easy access to local restaurants and retail businesses. The street closure will take place on Mississauga Street East from Matchedash Street to Andrew Street as well as Peter Street from Mississauga Street East to Colborne Street East from 4:30 to 11 p.m. (pending the participation of local businesses). Sanitizing stations are available for safety and masks are required for those shopping in stores.

See you on the  
**PATIO**  
#SeeYouOnThePatio

## Let's All Do Our Part to Continue Fighting the Spread of COVID-19

Our community has done very well in the fight against COVID-19. Don't let your guard down; remember to practice COVID-19 prevention methods to help keep everyone healthy and safe.



1 Physical Distancing



2 Wear a Face Covering



3 Wash Your Hands



**PLEASE NOTE:** Visitors are required to wear a face covering in all City facilities and on Orillia Transit.

Community 

## Welcome to Orillia, Hydro One!

The sale of the Orillia Power Distribution Corporation (OPDC) to Hydro One Inc. (Hydro One) officially closed on Sept. 1, 2020. The closing of the deal marks the start of a transition period where Hydro One and OPDC are brought together.

### What does this mean for Orillia Power customers?

Starting with September electricity use, Orillia residents will receive a one per cent reduction to the base distribution rate of the bill. At this time, Orillia hydro bills will still come from OPDC and customers will receive updates from Hydro One regarding the transition throughout the process.

### What is Hydro One building in Orillia?

Hydro One plans to construct a provincial warehouse and a regional operations centre in the Horne Business Park in West Orillia, adjacent to the primary Ontario Grid Control Centre currently under construction on the site. The company anticipates moving approximately 150 to 250 high-quality jobs to this facility. It is anticipated that \$200 to \$300 million in near-term economic impact to the City will come as a result of these facilities.



### Highlights:

- Base distribution rates for Orillia residents will be **reduced by one per cent** and **guaranteed for a period of five years** followed by increases at less than inflation for years six to 10.
- OPDC employees are moving to Hydro One at **similar compensation, benefits, life insurance** etc., provided by Hydro One with a **one-year location guarantee**.
- City **retains complete ownership** of Orillia Power Generation along with **annual dividend** to the City.
- Approximately \$36 million from the sale will be deposited into a **Legacy Fund** and generate investment income for years to come.
- Hydro One has committed \$250,000 in **community investment** funding to support local initiatives in Orillia.

For more information regarding the transition to Hydro One visit [hydroone.com/orillia](https://hydroone.com/orillia). For more information regarding Hydro One's investment in Orillia, please visit [orillia.ca/techhub](https://orillia.ca/techhub).

Opportunities 

## Downtown Tomorrow CIP Grant Program Workshop



Thursday, Sept. 24, 2020 | 4 - 5 p.m. | Live GoToMeeting Webinar

This program allows the City to offer a toolkit of financial incentive programs to encourage the revitalization of Downtown Orillia. Learn about the CIP and how to apply at our upcoming workshop. Please RSVP by Sept. 22, 2020 at [orillia.ca/downtownCIP](https://orillia.ca/downtownCIP). The application deadline for the next intake is Oct. 30, 2020. For more information on the program and available grant programs visit the DTCIP webpage at [orillia.ca/downtownCIP](https://orillia.ca/downtownCIP).

Important Dates 

## Upcoming Meetings

**Monday, Sept. 21: Special Council re Tax Appeals and Regular Council**

**Monday, Sept. 28: Council Committee**

**Monday, Oct. 5: Regular Council**

**Monday, Oct. 12: No Meeting (Thanksgiving Day)**

**Monday, Oct. 19: Council Committee**

### Please Note:

As of Sept. 1, 2020, Council Committee and Council meetings will begin at 4 p.m. The Closed Session portion of these meetings will commence prior to 4 p.m. Meetings will be held electronically. Residents are encouraged to watch the meetings on Rogers TV or online. Full agenda packages and the streaming link are available at [orillia.ca](https://orillia.ca).

**For further information contact:** Office of the City Clerk, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Orillia City Centre, 50 Andrew St. S. 705-325-1311 or [clerks@orillia.ca](mailto:clerks@orillia.ca).

## Job Opportunities

### City Treasurer

Corporate Services/Legal Department  
Closing: Sept. 23, 2020

### Supervisor of Collection and Distribution

Environment and Infrastructure Services Department  
Closing: Sept. 25, 2020

### Winter Control Trades 1 Operator (Contract)

Environment and Infrastructure Services Department  
Closing: Sept. 25, 2020

### Lifeguard - Instructors

Community Services Department  
Recruitment is ongoing for these positions

### Assistant Lifeguards

Community Services Department  
Recruitment is ongoing for these positions

For a full list of positions available at the City of Orillia, including duties and qualifications, visit [orillia.ca/employment](https://orillia.ca/employment).