



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

RE: Additional Service Changes and COVID-19 (Novel Coronavirus)

March 17, 2020

In addition to the previously announced closure of Library and Township Community Facilities, the Township office located at 19 Parnell Street in Calabogie will be closed to the public effective immediately until further notice. This is in keeping with similar decisions by other municipalities. In addition, the Fire Chief has enacted a Level 2 Fire Ban to ensure fire forces can be maintained for emergency response as needed.

The Township transfer stations will remain open, with the following changes made to the service effective immediately:

- Acceptance of household garbage ONLY
- All recycling will be placed with household garbage
- Staff have been instructed to refrain from assisting the public with garbage removal, when staff are required to interact with the public; they are to have a two (2) metre distance and wear all protective equipment at all times.

Municipal staff can be reached by telephone or email. In regards to outstanding payments, residents can mail payments to the Township via regular mail, utilize the mailbox located at 19 Parnell Street in Calabogie, at your bank or pay through online banking or on the Township website.

The March 23, 2020 Regular Council meeting will proceed as scheduled to address time sensitive items.

The Township is maintaining other essential services as we continue to monitor the situation with guidance from the health unit and other levels of government. Essential services such as administration, permits, fire response, and routine road maintenance are not impacted. In the event you are requiring a building permit, applications can be found online and emailed to Chief Building Official Darryl Wagner at [cbo@greatermadawaska.com](mailto:cbo@greatermadawaska.com) or by fax to 613-752-2617.

Our gravel roads are being impacted by the early thaw and freeze cycles. Regular grading operations will commence once the frost gets out of the roads and they can dry out. Road concerns can be emailed to the Township office through [admin@greatermadawaska.com](mailto:admin@greatermadawaska.com).

The Township wants to make it crystal clear to everyone that the Township is not closing itself off to the public. These measures are being taken to protect not only the public but our staff as well. We are constantly reassessing the situation and how we can better serve the ratepayers of the Township

Residents are directed to the Renfrew County & District Health Unit for information and guidance on COVID-19. The risk currently remains low for Renfrew County. Please refer to instructions on how to protect yourself and your family.

<https://www.rcdhu.com/novel-coronavirus-covid-19-2/>