



## For Immediate Release

COVID-19 (Novel Coronavirus) Town of Laurentian Hills, Ontario – March 16, 2020

The Town of Laurentian Hills and the Emergency Management team continues to work closely with the Renfrew County District Health Unit and our community partners to monitor the COVID-19 virus and will respond appropriately to any changes.

Residents are encouraged to follow the advice of the Provincial and Federal Health Ministers as well as to follow the guidance of our local experts in Public Health. The Town is taking actions to help protect the health of our community and its employees and to prevent the spread of the virus.

**Effective immediately UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE, the Point Alexander library, the Chalk River library and the Chalk River Nursery School programs are cancelled and the buildings are closed to the public. Also cancelled are the Committee of the Whole meetings held on the first Tuesday of the month.**

The Town is maintaining essential services at this time as we continue to monitor the situation. The Municipal Office will remain staffed Monday-Friday 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. **HOWEVER, THE BUILDING IS CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC.**

Residents are encouraged to make payments online, utilize the afterhours drop box at the Point Alexander Municipal office or the drop box in Chalk River, located at 19 Railway Street. Staff can be contacted by email or telephone (613-584-3114). Contact/email numbers are listed on Town's web site at <http://www.laurentianhills.ca/contact-us/>

Services such as the landfill, garbage and recycling curbside pick-up and routine road maintenance are not impacted at this time. Garbage bag tags can be purchased directly at the Baggs Road landfill.

If you or a family member suspect that you have symptoms of COVID-19, please contact the Renfrew County District Health Unit at **613-735-8653 ext 555** as soon as possible.

We appreciate your cooperation and understanding as we work to limit the spread of COVID-19 in our community.

Please monitor the following websites to keep yourself up to date on the virus:

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

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

Renfrew County District Health Unit: <https://www.rcdhu.com/novel-coronavirus-covid-19-2/>