



**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**  
**March 27, 2020**

## **Information Bulletin No. 7: COVID-19**

**Wasaga Beach** – The following is a statement from Mayor Nina Bifulchi.

“I write you for the second time this week to provide another important update on the work we are doing to support you and your family, as well as our business community, during the pandemic.

Thursday, your town council implemented a series of important steps to make life a bit easier in the days, weeks, and months ahead.

Council approved suspending a number of fees and charges, effective April 1, 2020 with most in place to Sept. 30, 2020.

### **The following is our list of suspended fees and charges:**

- Bus passes and cash fares. *Transit is free starting April 1 to April 30.*
- Payment Transfer fees.
- Reprint of Tax or Water Bill or Account Statement.
- Returned Cheque Charge.
- Business Licensing – Late Renewal Fee.
- Penalties and interest will not be applied on the March 15 and May 15 property tax billings for the period April 1 to September 30, 2020.
- Penalties and interest will not be applied on 2020 water and wastewater utility bills, for the period of April 1 to September 30, 2020.

We continue to look at creative ways we can help our entire community and a step we took yesterday, during our special meeting of council, **involved allowing trailers and motorhomes in driveways so people have a place to self-isolate if required.** A section of our Zoning Bylaw normally prohibits people from living in mobile units in their driveways and front yards but we recognize, at this time, the option could prove helpful for a limited period of time.

Due to the pandemic, we have cancelled all of our advisory committee meetings until further notice and for the month of April we have cancelled our coordinated committee meeting and our committee of the whole meeting.

But we are holding a council meeting on April 28 to advance the business of the municipality. You can watch the meeting [here](#).

Unfortunately, we have also cancelled the Easter Eggstravaganza event for April, as well as all other regular events and programs.

However, I am happy to tell you that staff are creating a series of special online events. Please watch our website and social media channels for details.

I want to assure you that our water and wastewater facilities are operating safely and will continue to do so.

Wasaga Distribution remains operational as well and I thank them for the great work they do each day to ensure we have electricity. While the office is closed to the public, staff can be reached online through [www.wasagadist.ca](http://www.wasagadist.ca) or by calling 705-429-2517.

Wasaga Beach Provincial Park has closed the park office until April 30. The beach and boardwalks remain accessible for walking and cycling. I remind visitors to the park to observe physical distancing.

And if you have been out-of-country remember you must self-isolate for 14 days. Learn more [here](#).

Finally, I hope everyone has a great weekend. Remember that kindness, humour, compassion, and courage should always be our standing orders for the day.”

Talk soon,

Mayor Nina Bifulchi.

**Health information resources:**

**Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit**

[Click here](#)

**Ontario Ministry of Health**

[Click here](#)

**Town of Wasaga Beach  
Facilities – updated March 26, 2020**

<b>Facility</b>	<b>Action</b>
<b>Arena</b>	<b>Closed – all programs and rentals cancelled</b>

<b>RecPlex/YMCA</b>	<b>Closed – all programs and rentals cancelled</b>
<b>Youth Centre/Seniors Active Living Centre</b>	<b>Closed – all programs and rentals cancelled</b>
<b>Town Hall</b>	<b>Closed to the public – but staff onsite and working during regular business hours. Monday to Friday – 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.</b>
<b>Library</b>	<b>Closed – all programs and rentals cancelled</b>
<b>Public Works</b>	<b>Closed to the public – but staff onsite and working during regular business hours.</b>
<b>Transit</b>	<b>Operational</b>
<b>Fire Halls</b>	<b>Closed to the public – but staff onsite and working during regular business hours. 9-1-1 services operational.</b>
<b>Parks and Trails</b>	<b>Parks are open with the exception of the dog parks. Playground equipment is off limits. Trails are open.</b>

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