



Municipal Services Update

For Immediate Release

March 27, 2020

COVID-19, Coronavirus

The Township of Armstrong continues to follow public health directives issued by the Timiskaming Health Unit to monitor the developments and respond appropriately to COVID-19. At present and with the growing concerns, the key objectives are to keep essential services operational and protect the health and safety of the community and workers.

Municipal Service Updates:

1. **Water & Wastewater**

Services continue as normal.

Reminder – **DO NOT FLUSH** wet wipes of any kind, paper towel or Kleenex. Please keep our system functioning well; these products clog the system.

2. **Roads**

Services continue as normal and maintenance standards will be met, however it may not be to the same level of service you have come to expect.

3. **Garbage & Recycling Curbside Collection**

Services will continue as scheduled. Please take extra care to ensure your garbage is properly bagged.

SPECIAL NOTE: Spring Clean-up scheduled for May 22, 2020 is **CANCELLED**

4. **Fire**

Services continue as normal

- Fire Season starts April 1 and any outdoor burning requires a permit. No permits for 2020 will be issued until June 1st, however if you had a permit in 2019, you are permitted under that permit up to **May 31, 2020**. Please take extra caution and follow the rules listed on your permit.

5. **Landfill**

The landfill site is open. Tipping fees are **waived** with some exceptions. No cash will be accepted at the landfill and those subject to fees will be invoiced.

Hours of Operation effective April 1

Thursday	9 am to 5 pm
Friday	9 am to 5 pm
Saturday	9 am to 2 pm

6. **Municipal Office & Administrative Services**

The municipal office is **closed** to the public. Staff will be conducting business by phone or e-mail.

SPECIAL NOTE:

- ❖ **Interim Taxes for both installments** Due May 31, 2020
- ❖ **Utility Billing for April** Due May 31, 2020
- ❖ **Effective Immediately - Interest free period until May 31, 2020 on all current and past due taxes and utilities. No action required on your part.**

For any tax or utility payments consider on line banking options or utilizing the drop box.

Please contact us via e-mail or telephone communications. All enquiries may be directed to celine.duguay@armstrong.ca or phone 705-563-2375. Please leave a message and your call will be returned within 1 business day.

7. Meetings

The regular meeting of council scheduled for April 8, 2020 is **cancelled**. Next regular meeting is scheduled for April 22, 2020. Scheduled Board and Committee meetings have been **cancelled** until further notice.

8. Open Space and Playground

Ball diamonds and playgrounds are **closed** until further notice. Please respect this closure as we approach spring weather.

SPECIAL NOTE: Day Camp – has been CANCELLED for 2020

9. Armstrong Township Public Library

The library remains **closed** to the public until further notice.
Late fees will be waived and book drop is available.

10. Earlton Recreational Centre including the Gym Facility

The entire facility remains **closed** to the public until further notice. This includes hall rentals and the Gym Facility. All gym memberships will be extended for the period equivalent to the closure.

The Gym Committee application period has been extended to April 20, 2020. For more information follow Canton d'Armstrong Township, Earlton on Facebook or contact the municipal office.

Everyday Actions to protect yourself and others to help prevent the spread of COVID-19:

- ❖ Wash your hands often
- ❖ Sneeze or cough in your sleeve
- ❖ Avoid touching your face
- ❖ Avoid contact with people who are sick
- ❖ Practice physical distancing; maintain 2m (6ft) distance from others whenever possible
- ❖ Stay home if you are sick

Please do your part and get informed. For more information follow these reliable sources:

<http://www.timiskaminghu.com/>

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

<https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/diseases/2019-novel-coronavirus-infection.html>

We thank everyone for their understanding, cooperation and patience at this time.

Jean Marc Boileau, Mayor
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TOWNSHIP OF ARMSTRONG