



UPDATED

PUBLIC NOTICE - STATEMENT

COVID-19 AND MUNICIPAL OPERATIONS

The Township of Machar will be making some operational changes to address the potential spread of Covid-19. We are asking the public to Self-Screen before entering any municipally operated facility or coming into contact with any Municipal employee; this includes the Municipal Office and other municipal facilities. The Municipal Office is now currently closed, but alternative service is available as indicated in paragraph 3. All in person meetings have been cancelled, this includes the Mar 23, 2020 Council meeting. The Landfill is currently open regular hours, please practice social distancing. Machar Mall is now closed.

If you are showing any possible symptoms of Covid-19 (cough, fever, respiratory difficulty) or have been in contact with someone who has, please do not attend a municipal facility. People displaying symptoms will be asked to leave. If you have travelled outside of Canada within 14 days, do not attend a municipal facility.

Municipal staff will be attempting to minimize physical contact with the public. We ask that if your business can be conducted over the phone, or your tax bill can be paid online, you proceed in that manner. There is also a drop mail box available at the Municipal Office upper level entry. Municipal staff have increased disinfection protocol. Please be patient as staff and phone lines are currently much busier than normal.

We thank you for your anticipated co-operation and assistance. The public health risk linked to Covid-19 is evolving and we're monitoring developments. It's in our community's best interest to be proactive and practice caution. Please ensure that you have adequate supplies on hand, but please don't overstock to the detriment of others in the community. We're all in this together, and together we can make a difference.

For more information on Covid-19, please visit www.ontario.ca/coronavirus and/or www.myhealthunit.ca



UPDATES – COVID-19

The Province of Ontario declared a provincial state of emergency on Mar 17, 2020. It was due to end Mar 31, 2020. Ontario Premier Doug Ford has announced that he is extending the statement of emergency for the next 2 weeks, and this will be re-evaluated every 2 weeks.

The Premier also said “We take seriously the advice of Ontario’s Chief Medical Officer of Health, and we’re working to put an iron ring of protection around our seniors from Covid-19. I know asking our seniors to stay at home will not be easy as it will mean inconvenience, isolation and significant change in routine. That’s why we are encouraging everyone to reach out and support them, whether it’s delivering their prescriptions or picking up the phone and giving them a call. It will all make a positive difference to our most vulnerable citizens.”

All persons over 70 years of age and individuals who are immunocompromised are advised to self-isolate for a period of 14 days. This means that you should only leave your home or see other people for essential reasons. Where possible, you should seek services over the phone or internet or ask for help from friends, family or neighbours with essential errands.

See How to Self-Isolate instructions.

We are working diligently with the North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit, our staff and local surrounding communities. It’s our goal to keep everyone safe and healthy, as well as maintaining a stable environment for our community.

For information on Covid-19 please contact www.ontario.ca/coronavirus and/or www.myhealthunit.ca, Telehealth 1-866-797-0000, Health Unit 1-800-563-2808 (responding to calls 8:30am - 4:30 pm).

Any other questions should be directed to the Municipal Office at 705-386-7741 or www.machartownship.net for updated information.

Thank you, and please “Stay Home, Stay Safe”.

OFFICE CLOSED

We can accommodate
service and payments as follows:

Phone 705-386-7741

Email: adminmachar@vianet.ca

Online and telephone banking

Mail Drop Box available at
Municipal Office Upper Level

**ROAD DEPT CLOSED
TO THE PUBLIC
LANDFILL WILL BE OPEN
MACHAR MALL CLOSED**



ANNOUNCEMENT
INTERIM TAXES – MAR 31 AND APR 30

~To assist our citizens that may be negatively impacted financially due to the Covid-19 outbreak, the Township of Machar will be waiving late payment fees on the Mar 31, 2020 and Apr 30, 2020 Interim tax due instalments. This will in effect provide extensions on both of the due dates to May 29, 2020.

We'd also like to express our thanks to our citizens, businesses, staff on the front lines and government officials for your guidance, leadership, consideration, assistance and community efforts during this time.

~We're all in this together and together we can make a difference. Thank you for being the difference.