



Questions for Council from the Public regarding COVID-19 and Township Services



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Do you have a pandemic related question for Council?

1. Submitted at Sunday May 19TH 2020 10:23 AM

Any news on the public meetings? With construction opening up in the next day or so, is their potential that the meetings will start so people who are severing a lot for building can get started too?

Township Response:

Township staff are in the process of setting up virtual public meetings to be able to move consent and minor variance applications ahead in the coming weeks. We will be advising applicants once we have a firm date for our first virtual Committee of Adjustment meeting.

Council passed a by-law delegating authority to staff to make decisions on consent applications that meet all planning policies and do not have any public objection. This decision was made to assist with moving ahead straightforward consent applications without the need to have a public hearing at Committee of Adjustment. If there are no objections from the public on your severance application, you may be able to benefit from this recent decision of Council.

Planning staff will be in contact with applicants in the next week to 10 days to advise of the status of your application and timelines for proceeding towards a decision.

2. Submitted at May 24th 2020 11:28 AM

Is the Point Beach open to swim? I see people gathering with the warm weather and the sign at the Point is not explicit. In fact there is black tape over some of it that does not look official. I don't see an update in some time and with restrictions changing this is unclear to me.

Township Response:

Thank you for reaching out to us. The Beach is still closed as per the Provincial Emergency Declaration order. The signage is being changed to make this clear to the Public.

KFLA Public Health confirmed that under orders 104/20 and 51/20, ALL recreation water facilities, whether indoor or outdoor remain closed.

3. Submitted at May 26th, 2020 1:53 PM

Hi there, I live in Kingston. I rented a cottage in South Frontenac County for a week in July. Is this still permitted? Thanks

Township Response:

As you are aware, most of the restrictions are province wide and not specific to one municipality. The following excerpt is from the Province's webpage regarding short-term rentals:



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Short term rentals

1. Every person who provides short term rentals in rental accommodations shall ensure that any rentals booked after April 4, 2020 are only provided to individuals who are in need of housing during the emergency period.
2. Subsection (1) does not apply in respect of hotels, motels and student residences.

This information can be found at the end of the essential services regulation O. Reg 82/20 here: <https://www.ontario.ca/laws/regulation/200082>

4. Submitted at May 27th, 2020 7:56 AM

Now that so many more stores are open, are yard sales permitted? We'd encourage distancing and have a jar for cash and live in an area where it wouldn't be really busy anyways, but we also don't want to get penalized if it's not permitted yet. Thank you!

Township Response:

Although a bit more challenging given social distancing requirements, KFL&A Public Health provided us with an interpretation of the current permitted business rules that allows Garage/Yard Sales to go ahead.

Essentially, if residents want to hold garage/yard sales, they must ensure that persons in the "place of business" (read: customers in their yard/garage) can maintain physical distancing of at least two metres from each other at all times through one or more of the following:

1. Using alternative methods of sale such as curb side pick-up or delivery
2. Operating by appointment
3. Limiting the number of people who may be in the place of business at any one time

Garage sale hosts may also want to consider having hand sanitizer available to visitors. There is added risk associated with payment since garage sales don't typically accept 'tap' transactions. So any resident/host would have to appreciate the risk of exchanging money.

So, garage sales are technically allowed but there are some risks (physical distancing, payment, hand hygiene) you have to consider and should address.

5. Submitted on May 27th, 2020 8:56 AM

What happens if your neighbor arrived from the US and is not following her quarantine plan?

Township Response:

There is an enforcement provision for these types of issues. KFL&A Public Health are empowered to regulate, inspect and act upon non-compliance issues related to the COVID-19 Pandemic. There is a "Submit a COVID-19 Complaint form" option at the bottom of the page on the website link <https://www.kflaph.ca/en/healthy-living/covid-19-enforcement.aspx>



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6. Submitted on May 28th, 2020 12:05 PM

I read the notice on the website dated March 30th for outdoor amenities.

Are all these restrictions still in place? It says until further notice.....I know some places have lifted some restrictions and was just looking for clarity from South Frontenac.

The obvious rules for physical distancing, I know are definitely in place. However, what about being at a beach for a swim? Are The Point, Davidson Beach and such closed for swimming?

I am a resident of South Frontenac, and understand why we need restrictions. I am in NO way opposing the rules, I just want to know what we are allowed to do.

Township Response:

All beaches are still closed as per the Provincial Emergency Declaration orders 104/20 and 51/20 which mandate that ALL recreational water facilities, whether indoor or outdoor remain closed at this time. Local signage is being updated to make this clear to the Public.

The province has recently relaxed restrictions on specific outdoor amenities including off-leash dog parks, tennis courts and public washrooms. Boat Launches and marinas are also able to reopen for recreational purposes; the Township has kept its launches open since the beginning due to the significant number of residents that must access their residential properties via watercraft. Use of launches for this purpose was exempted from the initial restrictions.

The Township's most recent updates and public service announcements regarding the COVID-19 pandemic and its impact on our services and facilities can be found here: <https://www.southfrontenac.net/en/covid-19-coronavirus-information.aspx>