



TOWNSHIP OF SOUTH FRONTENAC



PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

For Immediate Release

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South Frontenac COVID-19 Implications: Quick Reference Guide

Emergency Declaration

The Township of South Frontenac declared a [State of Emergency](#) on March 26, 2020.

Township Offices

The Township Offices and other facilities remains closed until further notice. While these offices are closed to the public, most municipal services will continue to be delivered and public communications via telephone and email are available during regular business hours.

Waste Facilities

All Township waste sites including hazardous waste, remain closed to the public until further notice. Garbage and Recycling will continue to be picked up on the regularly scheduled days and is available curbside to all residents, including at the end of private lanes. Should you have any questions, please contact our Public Services department at 613-376-3027 ext. 4331.

Recreational Facilities

All Recreational Facilities and outdoor amenities are closed until further notice including but not limited to:

- Play structures & swings
- Sports fields and ball diamonds
- Sport courts
- Beaches
- Benches, tables, shelters
- Public washrooms
- Centennial Park's Off-leash dog park

While playgrounds and park amenities are closed, residents can continue to walk through open park spaces but must maintain physical distance from others – approximately 2 metres or 6 ft.

Council Meetings

Council Meetings will be held using electronic participation. Details on how the public will be able to access the Meetings is available on the Township's website prior to the Meetings or by contacting the Clerk's Department via email admin@southfrontenac.net or by phone at 613-376-3027 ext. 2222.

Fire Ban

Effective Friday, March 20, 2020, there is a total fire ban in effect across the Township of South Frontenac. A total fire ban means absolutely no open air burning including cooking fires, charcoal barbeques, and fireworks; but does not include cooking appliances with a mechanical shutoff. Residents are reminded of the importance of complying with the burning Bylaw 2012-68, and that any infraction of this By-law could result in significant financial penalties. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact South Frontenac Fire and Rescue at 613-376-3027 ext. 2234.

Free Brush Drop of Days

South Frontenac Fire and Rescue will be providing a free brush/yard waste drop-off location for residents one (1) day a week over the month of April. Volunteer Firefighters will be on site just North of 5012 Quarry Rd in Hartington to coordinate the dumping and controlled burning of residential brush in a safe manner, while maintaining **social distancing protocols**. We ask that no brush be dropped off outside of the scheduled dates and times due to risk of fire, and remind residents that they are subject to fines for any illegal dumping at the site.



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- **Location of Drop Off:** On the left-hand side, just North of 5012 Quarry Road, Hartington, ON
 - Turn left off of Road 38 onto Boyce Rd
 - Turn Right on Quarry Rd, Head North for 3.5km
 - Entrance on the left, just north of 5012 Quarry Road
- **Dates and Times:** Saturday April 11, 18, and 25, 2020 – 9am - 3pm

All dates and times will be subject to inclement weather including heavy rain and high winds. Any cancellations will be posted on the Township Website 24 hours prior to the scheduled dates.

Tax Payments

The deadline for payment of the Interim Tax bill has been extended to April 30, 2020. We are encouraging payments to be made through online banking, by mail or through credit card payments. Visit our [website for more information](#).

Building Department

Effective April 4, 2020, the Township of South Frontenac is temporarily suspending the issuance of building permits for non-essential construction projects. This decision has been made in accordance with the [Provincial Regulation made under the Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act](#), which requires all non-essential construction projects to cease construction.

Building Permit applications will continue to be accepted and reviewed for all types of construction. Building permit applications can be submitted at this time by placing them in the large drop box at the front door of the Township Office at 4432 George Street, Sydenham.

Planning Department

We encourage planning inquiries to be submitted by email to planning@southfrontenac.net or via our intake forms on our website at <https://www.southfrontenac.net/en/open-for-business/planning-and-development.aspx>. Prior to submitting a planning application, applicants are required to have a pre-consultation appointment with a Planner. Times for pre-consultation appointments can be made by calling extension 2224. Due to COVID-19 office closures, consultations will be via telephone.

Seasonal Visitors

In an effort to keep our community safe and reduce the impact on regional health care centres and local supply chains, the Township is encouraging cottagers and recreational visitors to delay their arrival this spring. We are asking residents to avoid travel to secondary dwellings such as cottages, trailers, vacant land and hunting camps for recreational purposes until further notice. KFL&A Medical Officer of Health, Dr. Kieran Moore, is recommending that these temporary measures remain in place until May 1, 2020.

If you are a resident returning home from a winter abroad to your primary domestic residence, then **this request does not apply**; however, the Federal government's mandatory 14-day isolation period applies to all those returning from abroad .

Seasonal Trailer Parks & Campgrounds

Seasonal trailer parks and recreational campgrounds are not listed as essential businesses and, as such, were required by the Province to close as of midnight on Saturday April 4, 2020. For Ontarians whose only Canadian residence is at one of these seasonal trailer parks or campgrounds, they are permitted to continue their occupancy, and must complete their mandatory self-isolation as required by the mandatory isolation order made that took effect on March 25, 2020.



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Boat Launches

Please note that municipally-owned boat launches in South Frontenac remain open for use at this time. Please continue to practise physical distancing while utilizing these facilities, and adhere to the provincial order limiting group gatherings to five (5) people or fewer, unless they are from the same household.

Funeral Gatherings

Effective March 28th, 2020, as per Ontario Regulation 52/20, made under the Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act, all funerals, visitations, celebrations and related services are to be limited to 10 or fewer people, whether they are held indoors or outdoors including on cemetery grounds. The Bereavement Authority of Ontario has also advised that a funeral, visitation or gathering being advertised must state this limitation in the advertisement, and must strictly adhere to this law.

Other Agencies

[Federal](#), [Provincial](#) and [KFL&A Public Health](#) information regarding legislation, recommendations or funding for families/businesses can be found at the corresponding websites.

Kingston Frontenac Lennox & Addington Public Health (KFL&A) along with Local Municipalities, Frontenac OPP and Frontenac Municipal law Enforcement are coordinating efforts for the enforcement of new provincial emergency orders.

If you have a complaint related to the contravention of any of those emergency orders, please submit it to KFL&A Public Health [online](#) and they will respond to or direct your complaint to the appropriate enforcement agency