



# Media Release

June 10, 2020

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## **Notice- Update Regarding Town Facilities, Parks, Trails & Beaches**

This notice provides an update to residents regarding the status of Town facilities, including parks, trails and beaches.

To help provide clarification and consistent messaging the Town would like to remind residents that an interactive map confirming the open/closed status of parks, trails, greenspaces, beaches and recreational areas within the Town of The Blue Mountains is available on the Town website: <https://www.thebluemountains.ca/covid-19-open-and-closed.cfm>

The Town would like to emphasize that all Town-owned public washrooms remain closed. In addition, all common touchpoints are not sanitized. Please plan your visit accordingly.

### **Closed Town Facilities**

The following municipal facilities remain **closed until further notice** to ensure and encourage physical distancing:

- Town Hall
- Beaver Valley Community Centre
- Craigleith Community Centre
- Ravenna Hall
- The Craigleith Heritage Depot
- Tomahawk Golf Course and Recreational Area **(Re-opening scheduled for June 19, 2020)**

Although Provincial restrictions may be lifted for some of the above properties or facilities, temporary closures may remain in place to allow for seasonal preparation or for modifications to be implemented to allow safe and effective use.

In addition, The Blue Mountains Public Library is open for Curbside Holds Pickup. Branches are physically closed to the public, with programs and services being provided virtually. Please check The Blue Mountains Public Library website for more information: <https://thebluemountainslibrary.ca/>

### **Open Town Owned Parks and Properties**

The following chart outlines key updates / changes that have been made since the last update was provided on May 29, 2020. To view the full list and for specific information on each property, please visit: <https://www.thebluemountains.ca/covid-19-open-and-closed.cfm>

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<p><b>Beaches</b></p>	<p>As of Friday, June 12, 2020 all public beaches in the Town of The Blue Mountains, with the exception of Northwinds Beach and Little River Beach, will be open for public use.</p> <p>Northwinds Beach will remain temporarily closed until seasonal maintenance can be completed. Management and control measures are also being considered to ensure that physical distancing can be maintained.</p> <p>In addition, Little River Beach remains closed due to damage from high water. The Town is currently reviewing options for repair.</p> <p>The Town would like to remind residents that the Provincial Orders remain in effect and beach areas will actively be monitored and enforced by the Ontario Provincial Police and the Town’s By-Law Department.</p> <p>To view the status of each beach area, please visit:  <a href="https://www.thebluemountains.ca/covid-19-open-and-closed.cfm">https://www.thebluemountains.ca/covid-19-open-and-closed.cfm</a></p>
<p><b>Parks &amp; Trails</b></p>	<p>All Town-owned parks and trails are now open for public use.</p> <p>The Town would like to emphasize that playground equipment remains closed for public use.</p> <p>In addition, the Town would like to emphasize that all Town-owned public washrooms remain closed. In addition, all common touchpoints are not sanitized. Please plan your visit accordingly.</p>
<p><b>Thornbury Pier</b></p>	<p>Residents are advised that the Thornbury Pier will remain closed until further notice.</p> <p>The status of the Thornbury Pier will be discussed at the Council meeting on June 15, 2020.</p>

A reminder to residents that Town staff continue to remain available by phone and by email during regular business hours. Online services can be accessed 24/7 by visiting:

[www.thebluemountains.ca/online-services.cfm](http://www.thebluemountains.ca/online-services.cfm)

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