



Media Release

June 19, 2020

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

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 June 10, 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>

<p>Beaches</p>	<p>The Town is pleased to advise that Northwinds Beach will be reopened for public use starting on Friday, June 19, 2020. With the exception of Little River Beach, all public beaches in the Town of The Blue Mountains are now open.</p> <p>Little River Beach will remain 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: https://www.thebluemountains.ca/covid-19-open-and-closed.cfm</p>
<p>Tomahawk Golf Course</p>	<p>As of Friday, June 19, 2020 Tomahawk Golf Course will be open for public use. The following operational guidelines have been implemented:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hours of operation are from 8:00am – 6:00pm, with the last tee time at 6:00pm • Tee times must be booked in advance by calling 519-599-3131 ext. 350 or emailing teetimes@thebluemountains.ca • Tee time bookings will be accepted no more than five days in advance • The green fee has increased to \$17.50 per player. Exact change is appreciated, and the maximum group size is limited to four players • Pull carts will not be available • Physical distancing is to be maintained at all times <p>For more information, please visit: https://thebluemountains.ca/tomahawk-golf-course.cfm</p>
<p>Thornbury Pier</p>	<p>Residents are advised that the Thornbury Pier will remain closed until next summer, with a tentative reopening scheduled for June 2021.</p> <p>The decision to close the pier was made to allow for the much needed pier resurfacing project to be completed and due to the limited space on the pier to accommodate physical distancing.</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

For more information, please contact:

Ryan Gibbons
 Director of Community Services
 519-599-3131 ext. 281