



Media Release

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Notice – Reopening of Playgrounds and Update on Town Operations

The Town would like to advise residents that earlier today, a special meeting of Council was held to update Council and the community and to provide additional information and clarification related to Town services and community safety measures resulting from the recent announcement by the Province of Ontario.

Town Staff and representatives from the Grey Bruce Public Health Unit, The Blue Mountains Ontario Provincial Police Detachment and Chair of The Blue Mountains Police Services Board were in attendance to provide operational updates and to answer questions from Members of Council. To watch the recording of the meeting, please click on the following link: [Video of April 19, 2021 Special Meeting Council](#)

“The Town, working with the Grey Bruce Health Unit and the Ontario Provincial Police, is responding effectively to the recent rise in cases and the announcements by the Province,” stated Mayor Alar Soever. “Our response is focused on eliminating the social gatherings that have been the source of the vast majority of transmission in our community, while at the same time minimizing restrictions on our residents within the limits of the provincial orders. I ask all residents to do their part to keep our community safe, by minimizing all contact with those outside your household, and following all public health advice.”

To help provide clarification and consistent messaging the Town would like to remind residents that an interactive map confirming the open/closed status of recreational areas within the Town is available by visiting: <https://www.thebluemountains.ca/covid-19-open-and-closed.cfm>

In addition, Town staff will continue to work collaboratively with the Grey Bruce Health Unit, Ontario Provincial Police and other agencies to assess impacts to the annual opening fishing weekend to determine if restrictions and safety measures are required to be implemented as a means to limit gatherings.

Closed Town Facilities

The following municipal facilities remain **closed until further notice** in accordance with the Provincial State of Emergency and Stay at Home Order.

- Town Hall
- Beaver Valley Community Centre
- Craigeith Community Centre
- Ravenna Hall
- The Craigeith Heritage Depot
- The Blue Mountains Public Library

- Tomahawk Golf Course and Recreational Area

Open Town Owned Recreational Areas

The following chart provides details regarding specific properties. Signage and fencing will be installed to identify the areas impacted. For additional and regularly updated information on each property, please visit: <https://www.thebluemountains.ca/covid-19-open-and-closed.cfm>

The facilities will be reopened under the advice and direction of the public health unit when it is safe and acceptable to do so. By-law enforcement and the Ontario Provincial Police will be monitoring all areas.

Beaches, Parks and Trails	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All parks and trails are open for walk-through and exercise. • Playground structures are open for public use. • Please remember that public washrooms are not open. Please plan your visits accordingly.
Dog Park	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Dog Park is open for public use. Please allow others to use the space by practicing physical distancing and not loitering within off-leash areas. • Please note that off-leash areas are not cleaned or sanitized, this includes but is not limited to: Water Fountains, Shade Structures/Gazebos, Benches and Tables, Fences, Gates and Message Boards.
Baseball Diamonds	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closed
Tennis Courts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closed
Skateboard Park	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closed
Thornbury Harbour and Boat Launch	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closed in accordance with Ontario Regulation 82/20.

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