



EXTERNAL MEMO

ISSUE DATE: Thursday, March 12, 2020.

SUBJECT: Town of Cobourg Postpones all Municipal Events, Programs and Classes amid COVID-19 Pandemic

Hello,

RE: Town of Cobourg postpones all Municipal Events, Programs and Classes amid COVID-19 Pandemic

Yesterday, the World Health Organization declared the spread of COVID-19 a pandemic, an infectious disease that spreads quickly around the world.

Today, based on advice from Dr. David Williams, Ontario's Chief Medical Officer of Health and the experts at the COVID-19 Command Table, the Minister of Education has issued a Ministerial Order to close all publicly funded schools in Ontario for two weeks following March break, in response to the emergence in Ontario of COVID-19. This order was approved by the Lieutenant Governor in Council.

Today, as March Break approaches for the Town of Cobourg the Municipality is now taking decisive action to ensure the well-being of our citizens is our top priority. Given the latest developments, we are taking the following further action:

As of Friday, March 13, 2020 all Town-events, programs and classes taking place at the Cobourg Community Centre, Concert Hall at Victoria Hall, Venture13 Innovation and Entrepreneurship Centre and Victoria Hall will be postponed effective immediately. This includes all classes, recreational programs, facility spaces, March Break camps, gymnasiums, rinks and walking spaces.

As of today, all Municipal buildings will remain open but citizens are discouraged from gathering in them.

We know that you may be experiencing heightened levels of worry associated with COVID-19 and it is important to reiterate that Public Health continues to assure us that the risk of becoming ill from COVID-19 in Ontario currently remains low.

We thank you for your patience and understanding and would like you to be reassured that we will continue to work to keep our staff and the public safe and healthy.

More Information

The Town of Cobourg has launched a website in regards to COVID-19 communications. Updates will be posted to www.cobourg.ca/Covid-19 as they come in.

Stay Informed

Visit the HKPR Health Unit's website: www.hkpr.on.ca for the most up-to-date information COVID-19. In addition to the daily updates to the website, Dr. Lynn Noseworthy, Medical Officer of Health for the HKPR District Health Unit., will continue to provide updates on COVID-19 through their website.