



# MEDIA RELEASE

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## TUDOR AND CASHEL COVID-19 Planning and Communications Update

**GILMOUR, ON** – The Municipality of Tudor and Cashel continues to monitor the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic as issued by the World Health Organization (WHO).

Tudor and Cashel is working together to put into effect community-based measures that will protect the general population and do our part to slow the spread of this virus. We have an opportunity to support each other during this time of crisis.

We advise you to be cognizant of the sources of information you get at this time and encourage you to check **tudorandcashel.com** daily for correct updates as they become available, as well as the Municipal Facebook page.

Following discussion with Reeve Clarke and the Board of Health, Hastings and Prince Edward County has advised that they are in full response emergency measures mode. Due to this Tudor and Cashel wishes to release the following information to the community:

### **Tudor and Cashel Municipal Office**

The Tudor and Cashel Municipal Office will be closed for public entry from Tuesday, March 17th to Sunday, April 5th due to the concerns associated with the COVID-19 pandemic. We will continue to monitor the situation and provide frequent updates to the Tudor and Cashel municipal website.

As a result, all meetings during the time period Tuesday, March 17th to Sunday, April 05th will be postponed.

Municipal staff are available by calling the municipal office at (613) 474-2583 or toll free 1-855-474-2583 during the regular office hours of 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. In-person business will only be conducted by appointment. Staff will continue to respond to calls, emails and to carry on the business of the Municipality to the best of their ability. Even before this official closure, we are asking the public to please refrain from visiting the office. We encourage stakeholders to use our online resources available to conduct business with the municipality.



Due to the upcoming tax installment deadline of March 25, 2020, the following options are recommended:

- Use the locked drop box at the front of the Municipal Office (preferably cheques as cash is not recommended)
- Online or Mobile Banking
- Mail
- In person appointment with Nancy Carrol (space is very limited): [clerk@tudorandcashel.com](mailto:clerk@tudorandcashel.com) or 613-474-2583

### **Tudor and Cashel Buildings and Facilities**

All gatherings at Tudor and Cashel Municipal facilities will be postponed until further notice due to the concerns associated with the COVID-19 pandemic. We will continue to monitor the situation and provide updates to the municipal website.

The Tudor and Cashel Public Library Board has directed that a closure be put in place effective March 16th. They hope to re-open Monday, April 6<sup>th</sup> at 5 p.m. Please follow the Tudor and Cashel Facebook page as they monitor the situation.

### **Tudor and Cashel Staff**

We encourage staff to stay calm and continue with infection control practices, such as, frequent hand washing, coughing into sleeve – not hands, and remaining at home if feeling unwell.

Any member of staff who has recently travelled is encouraged to self-isolate for 14 days and contact public health if symptoms of COVID-19 develop.

Cleaning supplies are available to staff for cleaning their personal workspace. More updates for staff will be available as the situation unfolds.

### **Conclusion**

Tudor and Cashel encourages social distancing measures as a way to minimize COVID-19 transmission in the community. This means minimizing close contact with others during the peak of this outbreak.

The health and safety of the community is our priority and we will continue to update the community on our official channels:

1. [www.Tudorandcashel.com](http://www.Tudorandcashel.com)



We encourage all members of the community to keep updated by visiting the Government of Canada's Website designated to the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19).

1. <https://hpepublichealth.ca/>
2. <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/diseases/coronavirus-disease-covid-19.html>

- Libby Clarke, Reeve of Tudor and Cashel