



TOWNSHIP OF WILMOT

August 4, 2020

Important Message

The Township Takes Another Significant Step Forward in Promotion of Diversity and Inclusion

Council, Senior Management and Staff, are proud to show all residents of Wilmot and the Region of Waterloo that the Township of Wilmot strongly stands behind our corporate values of diversity and inclusion.

During the July 13 Township of Wilmot Council meeting, and in recognition of 2SLGBTQ+ pride, members voted unanimously to fly the internationally recognized rainbow Pride flag for the month of June, beginning in 2021. At the request of Council, on Friday, July 17 at 11am, the rainbow flag was raised at the Administration Complex, and will remain there for the remainder of the month of July. In addition, rainbow Pride stickers will now be displayed on all Wilmot Township facility doors indicating that they are safe spaces for all people.

We recognize that as an organization our number one priority continues to be the health, safety and wellbeing of our community and staff. Having said that, we also recognize the importance of working with all stakeholders, and are committed to continuing dialogue with members of all communities, as we provide the inclusive and welcoming environment Wilmot is accustomed to. We also recognize that there is always more work to do, at home in Wilmot and around the world.



What Stage 3 Means for You

The Province of Ontario have advised that the majority of our economy may now re-open, subject to ensuring the appropriate health and safety measures are in place, as well as limits on gathering sizes.

Based on the advice of public health experts, gathering limits for regions in Stage 3 have increased as follows:

- Indoor gatherings limits increased to a maximum of 50 people
- Outdoor gathering limits increased to a maximum of 100 people
- People gathering indoors for religious services, rites or ceremonies, and wedding ceremonies or funeral services, can continue to fill up to 30 percent capacity

Several high-risk places and activities are not yet safe to open, due to the likelihood of large crowds, difficulty maintaining physical distancing, or challenges maintaining the proper cleaning and sanitation required to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

In all cases, individuals are required to continue to maintain physical distancing of at least two metres with people from outside their households or social circles.

COVID-19 Updates

Stage 3 Has Arrived in Wilmot

On July 17, the Township officially entered Stage 3 of the Pandemic Reopening Framework. In Stage 3, more restrictions were loosened and nearly all businesses and public spaces may now reopen, as long as they follow the public health advice and workplace safety guidance necessary to keep everyone safe.

Council, Senior Management and Staff are confident our community of caring people will do their part to ensure we continue along our path towards a safe re-opening. As Wilmot collectively moves into Stage 3, we are looking forward to a safe and productive summer for all of our residents, businesses and visitors.

Region Enacts Face Covering By-Law

Regional Council recently passed by-laws that require the wearing of masks on transit and in enclosed public places such as shopping malls and retail shops, restaurants, museums, grocery stores and more. The by-laws exempt children under the age of five and those who are unable to wear a face covering (due to a medical condition, disability, etc). It's important to show kindness to those who are unable to wear a face covering. The by-laws will be repealed on September 30, 2020 unless extended by Council.

These by-laws are another tool to help reduce the spread of COVID-19 in the community. Wearing a face covering is not a replacement for other health measures. The Region continues to take an education-first approach, asking people to comply with the by-law and educating them on the importance of protecting each other.

Protect each other.

Wear a face covering.
Nose, mouth and chin must be covered.



Required by the Face Covering By-law.

Does not apply to children under the age of five and those who are unable to wear a face covering as a result of a medical condition or a disability.

 Region of Waterloo regionofwaterloo.ca/MaskBylaw

Working Together to Re-Open

Collaboration and innovation will continue to be essential for Ontario's successful economic recovery. The government will work with businesses and sectors that are either not able to reopen in Stage 3, or who are experiencing significant challenges opening with restrictions, to explore how these organizations could safely resume operations as Ontario gradually reopens, while implementing public health and workplace safety measures. Those that are unable to open or are facing difficulties in operating under the Stage 3 restrictions may visit Ontario.ca/reopen to submit a reopening proposal. The proposal should include details on measures businesses and services will implement to keep patrons and workers safe. Businesses and sectors are also encouraged to use [the government's guide to developing a workplace safety plan](#) and the Ministry of Health's Guidance Document for Essential Workplaces. Government officials will work collaboratively with sectors that are developing plans to safely reopen, where feasible.

Reopening our Province:

Businesses unable to reopen in Stage 3 or are experiencing challenges with restrictions can work with the government on a reopening plan at Ontario.ca/reopen



Township Notices and Updates

Reopening Status of Municipal Parks and Facilities

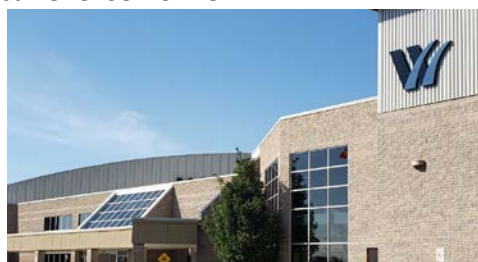
Below is a summary of municipally owned parks and facilities and their current status as a result of the Stage 3 transition.

Facility / Amenity	Status
Administration Complex	Open – Special Rules Apply
Parks (General Use)	Open – Special Rules Apply
Parks (Playgrounds)	Open – Special Rules Apply
Parks (Pavilions)	Open – Special Rules Apply
Parks (Sports Fields)	Open – Special Rules Apply
Parks (Courts)	Open – Special Rules Apply
Parks (Washrooms)	Closed
Facilities (Community Ctrs)	Open – Special Rules Apply
Facilities (Indoor Pickleball)	Closed
Facilities (Ice Rentals)	Open – Special Rules Apply
Facilities (Active Living Ctr)	Closed
Facilities (Youth Ctr)	Closed
Facilities (Walking Track)	Closed
Wilmot Aquatic Centre	Open – Special Rules Apply
Castle Kilbride / Museum	Closed
WRC Administration Offices	Open via Phone (Mon-Fri)
Wilmot Trails	Open – Special Rules Apply
Skateboard Park	Closed

While we share in the community excitement over the re-opening of many of Wilmot's Parks and Recreation opportunities, we must ensure appropriate protocols are followed at all times. For additional information on "Special Rules" noted above, see the [Township of Wilmot Facility Reopening Status Update](#). For many more recreation and leisure opportunities, visit our [#RecFromHome](#) webpage.

Aquatic Centre and Ice Pad Opening August 4th

The WRC will open on August 4 for use of the pool (online registration required) and pre-booked ice rentals. The track, Active Living & Youth Centre will remain closed at this time. Thank you for your ongoing understanding and patience. For more information, call 519-634-9225



Beckdale Trails Open

On lands generously donated to the Township of Wilmot by the Schmidt Estate, as well as Stremma Developments, this 2.0 km stone dust multi-use trail links Waterloo-Oxford DSS, Sir Adam Beck PS, and Brenneman Drive to Nafziger Road approximately 300m north of the Schmidt Woods trails.



The trails are named in recognition of the farm on which the trails were built.

Construction of the trail was completed by, and entirely funded through the generosity of, Schout Corporation.

Groundbreaking on Artificial Turf Field at Waterloo-Oxford

The Township of Wilmot and the Waterloo Region District School Board (WDRSB) are excited to announce the kickoff of a long sought-after project at Waterloo-Oxford District Secondary School. During the summer months, construction of Wilmot Township's first artificial turf field will be undertaken.



Township Notices and Updates



Curious what construction projects and maintenance activities are planned this summer? To see the status of projects and operations [click here](#). Please note, general engineering, road, sewer or water inquiries should be directed to publicworks@wilmot.ca or engineering@wilmot.ca. Or call 519-634-8519 x 250 and leave a message. Please do not call the Public Works after-hours emergency lines for general inquiries. These lines will not be monitored during the hours of 7am-3pm Monday to Friday.

HOT MIX PAVING WORKS



Wilmot's annual asphalt resurfacing program is on-going this summer. The following streets will see asphalt work over the next month, and will have periodic short closures with local access.

Street	Settlement
Schneller Drive	Baden
Elizabeth Street	Baden
Queen Street	New Dundee
Hillfield Drive	New Hamburg

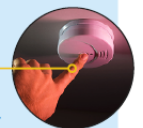


Wilmot Volunteer Fire Fighters use green flashing lights when responding to the Fire Hall. Please yield the right of way. You'll soon see posted signage throughout the Township!



Smoke & Carbon Monoxide Alarms

- Install working smoke alarms on every storey of the home and outside all sleeping areas. Install carbon monoxide alarms outside all sleeping areas. **It's the law.**
- For extra protection, install a smoke alarm in every bedroom and a carbon monoxide alarm on every storey.
- Test your smoke and carbon monoxide alarms **once a month.**
- Change alarm batteries annually or whenever the low-battery warning sounds.
- Always **follow the manufacturer's instructions** for installing, testing, maintaining and replacing smoke and carbon monoxide alarms.



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Property Taxes & Utility Bills

Pre-authorized payments for taxes and water on the regular billing schedule will continue to be processed. If you would like your bill emailed, sign up [here](#). Those that wish to be removed from pre-authorized payments should contact tax@wilmot.ca. Ratepayers that are able to continue to pay their property taxes and water bills are strongly encouraged to do so. Previously announced assistance is intended for Wilmot residents and businesses who are not able to pay at this time, due to COVID-19 impacts. It is recommended that any payment to the Township be made electronically through your banking institution or through a pre-authorized payment plan. Have questions? Visit wilmot.ca/taxes for information, speak directly with staff at 519-634-8444 x 223 or email us at tax@wilmot.ca.

Wilmot Township Council Meetings

Join Wilmot Township Council virtually on August 24 at 7:00 pm for a Council Meeting. Meetings are open to the public and available through an online platform.



Please subscribe to the [Township of Wilmot You Tube Channel](#) to watch the live stream or view after the meeting. Delegations must register with the [Information and Legislative Services Department](#). For more information, visit [Appear as a Delegation at Council](#).

During the Emergency Declaration, we will not be scheduling delegations for matters that are not already on the Agenda. The only items that will be addressed will be COVID-19 related or items that are time sensitive due to legislative requirements. For further information, visit wilmot.ca.

*Accessible formats of this newsletter are available upon request. Please email clerks@wilmot.ca or call 519-634-8444 for assistance.



Prior to starting a new construction project (inside or outside), remember that you must first determine whether you require a building permit or not.

Visit [Do I Need a Permit](#) to see an extensive list of projects that require permits. A list of projects that do not require a permit are also listed for additional reference.



Wilmot Administration Complex

The Township Administration Office is now open Monday through Friday from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm for limited services. Appointments are highly recommended and can be booked by calling (519) 634-8444. Staff remain available through email and / or telephone.

Visitors to the Administration building will be required to use the temporary entry (follow the signage) where they will be greeted by staff at the door.

