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COVID-19 Update: Landfill Sites and Glamor Lake Park & Boat Launches in Highlands East

Wilberforce, ON- On Tuesday, May 12th, the Ontario government extended the Declaration of Emergency under the *Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act* until June 2nd, 2020. This additional time will help ensure the province has the necessary tools and health care capacity to contain COVID-19, while gradually reopening businesses, services and amenities safely.

Everyone is eager to see the economy reopen and return to work, while still remaining physical distancing measures. In light of the government gradually beginning to open up the economy and ease restrictions, Highlands East will also be easing restrictions on landfill sites as well as the Glamor Lake Park and boat launches. These changes are outlined below and will be in effect for the Victoria Day long weekend.

Landfill Sites to Change Over to Summer Hours

The landfill sites that are scheduled to begin operating on summer hours, the Friday or Saturday of this upcoming Victoria Day long weekend will now be in effect. Landfill sites will no longer continue operating on winter hours. For further information pertaining to the landfill site operating hours, please visit the municipal website at www.highlandseast.ca

Staff continue to serve a high volume of residents each day and we have seen a steady influx in the amount of site traffic into landfill sites. Residents continue to attend waste sites in higher volumes than is typical for this time of year. We continue to urge all residents to only attend the landfill sites, when absolutely necessary.

The bulk material limit that was implemented on Wednesday, May 6th, 2020 continues to remain in effect. The items included and their current limits are provided below:

- Tires- 4 per visit
- Appliances (incl. fridges, freezers, washers/dryers, dishwashers, etc.)- 1, per visit
- Furniture (Couches, Chairs, Tables, etc.)- 1, per visit
- Mattresses and/or Box Springs- 1 each

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Glamor Lake Park & Boat Launches

On Monday, March 11th, the Ontario government opened provincial parks and conservation reserves for limited day-use access. This includes recreational activities that are limited to walking, hiking, biking and birdwatching, while maintaining the appropriate physical distancing measures.

The Glamor Lake Park will be available for limited day-use access that falls in line with the recreational activities noted above. We encourage people to get out and enjoy the outdoors but in a responsible way. We ask that everyone continue to practice physical distancing and follow all rules set out by the health care officials.

At this time, the boat launches located at the Glamor Lake Park will be open for the Victoria Day long weekend but the beach area remains closed.

Mayor Burton states, "With the long weekend upon us, many will want to escape the city and enjoy a small piece of paradise. We ask that all Highlands East residents, permanent and seasonal, continue to abide by the public health measures put in place. Please avoid nonessential travel as much as possible, no public gatherings, no campfires, come prepared and be respectful of everyone. We continue working our way through these difficult times and we will change and adapt, as required. I look forward to the day that we can get back to our new normal; whatever that may be. But in the meantime, I wish everyone a safe, healthy and happy long weekend."

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