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CONSENT AGENDA  
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15, 2020**

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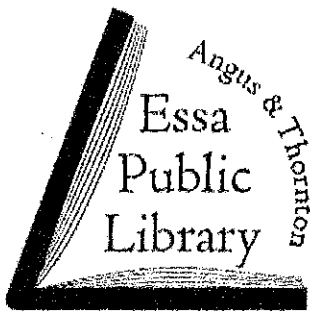
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- p.27 7. Email from Rogers TV dated March 27, 2020, re: Support for Broadband Coverage In Your Community (Copy of Letter of Support from Essa Included)
- p.29 8. Correspondence from CFB Borden dated April 2, 2020, re: 2020 Borden CAF Day and Air Show Postponed.

**B – ITEMS RECEIVED AND REFERRED TO SERVICE AREA FOR ACTION**

None to be presented.

**C – ITEMS RECEIVED AND REFERRED TO SERVICE AREA FOR REVIEW AND REPORT TO COUNCIL**

None to be presented.



## Digital Library Services

April 7, 2020



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The Essa Public Library has been active in virtual spaces in the last few weeks to “Connect People, Grow Ideas, and Inspire Discovery”.

In addition to hosting lively and informative social media sites such as Twitter, Instagram and Facebook, library staff launched virtual library programs through our YouTube channel.

The Essa Public Library YouTube channel has connected library staff with our community and continued programming such as Wiggles and Giggles, Bilingual Songs and Stories for Kids, Lego Challenges, Drawing Challenges as well as informative tutorials to access online resources and tools as our community transitions to both working from home and distance learning.

Residents who possess a library card will have access to a growing e-book and e-audiobook collection in both English and in French. Digital magazines, available through the Flipster app, and the databases and research tools found on the Online Resources page on the library website are available 24/7.

And we encourage everyone to visit “Fun at Home” on the library website to glean some expansive and creative ideas for all ages, such as “12 Museums you can tour virtually”.

Essa residents who do not possess a library card may email [essalib@essa.library.on.ca](mailto:essalib@essa.library.on.ca) to sign up for a library card remotely and access the many digital resources that are available.

Essa Public Library CEO, Laura Wark, commends Essa Public Library staff for deepening library services during the COVID-19 health concern, the Library Board for visioning a library system that strives to serve Essa Township to the best of its ability, and Essa Council for their support and interest in making Essa Township a great place to live and work.

**From:** Nicole McNeill <Nicole.Mcneill@mpac.ca>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 30, 2020 10:06 AM  
**To:** Sandie Macdonald  
**Subject:** MPAC Update - Postponing the 2020 Assessment Update

Good morning Sandie,

As part of the Ontario Government's Economic and Fiscal Update on March 25, the Hon. Rod Phillips, Minister of Finance, announced the Province's decision to postpone the 2020 Assessment Update.

The provincial government has indicated that property assessments for the 2021 taxation year will continue to be based on the fully phased-in January 1, 2016 current values (i.e., the same valuation date in use for 2020 taxation year).

At MPAC, we are committed to capturing new assessment to support your assessment base to the greatest extent we are able while observing provincial health and safety guidelines around physical distancing. As soon as our property inspectors are permitted to resume their work in your communities we will be out in full force.

In the meantime, we plan to explore alternate approaches to collect the necessary information to assess new construction activity. Our regular business of analyzing sales, completing tax applications and managing Requests for Reconsideration and appeals will continue, too.

While we know you are busy taking care of urgent issues in your communities right now, we will seek opportunities to consult with you about how we can best support you through this unprecedented pandemic.

If you have any questions, we are here to support you.

Nicole

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## POLICY UPDATE

March 31, 2020

### **AMO COVID-19 Update: Ontario Extends COVID-19 Emergency and Closes Outdoor Recreational Amenities**

On March 30, 2020 Ontario Premier Doug Ford announced that the Province had extended the March 17 Emergency Declaration under the *Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act*. Emergency declarations under the Act are for two weeks with two-week extensions. Extended also are all associated orders including the closure of non-essential workplaces and limiting social gatherings greater than five people.

In announcing the declaration, the Premier announced new orders to close outdoor recreational amenities such as sports fields, playgrounds, basketball courts, picnic areas, park shelters, community and condo gardens, and others. The order builds on local municipal government action and makes it consistent across Ontario.

Green spaces in parks, trails and ravines can remain open for pass-through access, but visitors must continue to practice social/physical distancing. Enforcement of these closure orders can be carried out at the discretion of municipal by-law officers.

AMO's COVID-19 Resources page is being updated continually so you can find critical information in one place. Please send any of your municipally related pandemic questions to [covid19@amo.on.ca](mailto:covid19@amo.on.ca).

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## POLICY UPDATE

April 3, 2020

### Ontario Releases COVID-19 Projections and New Emergency Orders

Ontario released its official COVID-19 projections that the provincial government is using to respond to the pandemic. The assumptions are stark; however, they also suggest that distancing measures and other actions taken, including those managed by municipal governments across the province, have been effective to manage the virus' spread.

Ontario has tracked 3,255 cases up to April 2, 2020 and 67 deaths with mortality rates being significantly higher in older age groups, particularly those over 80 years old. The projections suggest Ontario may have between 3,000 – 15,000 deaths over the course of the current outbreak if current and new measures are adhered to by all the public. The modelling suggests that this is significantly better than the 100,000 deaths which could have been experienced if no actions were taken to contain COVID-19.

Current effective containment measures include school closures, physical/social distancing, self-isolation, limited public gatherings, closing of non-essential workplaces and parks and recreational areas. The briefing suggests that future measures under consideration may include enhanced enforcement, physical distancing guideline updates, better support for elderly, homeless and vulnerable populations, and potential entry restrictions in certain communities, in addition to recently announced additional workplace closings.

The briefing also noted that projections for Intensive Care Unit (ICU) beds show that there are a current 410 beds available with a further 900 able to be brought on stream relatively quickly. Ontario's modelling assumes that suppression measures will ensure that current and new ICU beds will adequate to demand.

## New Orders Under the *Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act* (EMCPA)

Ontario revised its list of essential services today. The order shuts down all non-essential services not included on the list. These include private, commercial and institutional construction sites – exempting critical health care sector, transportation, petrochemicals and refinery projects – starting on Saturday, April 4, 2020 at 11:59 p.m. Shops and services not deemed essential are able to go online.

Operation or delivery of services of any publicly funded agency or organization that delivers or supports government operations or services are not affected. Essential municipal services such as water, sewer, transit, critical infrastructure repair and maintenance, including roads and bridges, are explicitly named.

On April 2nd, the provincial government announced that it was making an order to allow Public Health Units (PHUs) to more flexibly manage staff redeployments within the unit and to more easily allow units to access volunteer medical students and retired health care workers on the Province's volunteer list. The order supersedes any negotiated collective agreements. It should be noted that there may some potential that redeployed municipal workers affected by the current shutdown/ working from home directives could also be included in this redeployment – subject to PHU needs.

Orders made under the EMCPA are for 14 days and may be renewed for a subsequent 14-day period at a time.

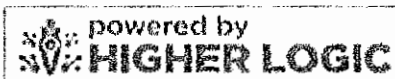
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April 3, 2020

## **AMO COVID-19 Update Week Three**

As week-three of the COVID-19 state of emergency concludes, AMO is working hard to assist its member municipal governments in every part of the province. It has been a difficult week in communities everywhere, with many important developments here in Ontario.

Since the onset of COVID-19 situation, AMO has been working in partnership with the Government of Ontario to support rapid changes in provincial policies that are responding to public health and other needs of our communities. We have been supported in this work by many extraordinary municipal public servants in your communities and the professional associations to which they belong. The developments, policy changes and emergency orders have been relayed to members on a near daily basis but there is much more work to be done, and many important matters that will require collaboration in the weeks and months ahead.

Last week, Ontario delivered a fiscal and economic statement that provided important financial measures as part of a comprehensive provincial response to COVID-19. AMO applauded the measures that affect municipalities as an important first step in dealing with financial and other pressures facing municipal government. AMO will continue to work with members and the province to ensure immediate and longer term municipal fiscal pressures are in focus.

Last Friday, the AMO Board held its March Board meeting virtually. The business conducted included a discussion about what the organization has been doing to assist members, and what more can be done to ensure municipalities have the resources and tools they need to respond to the COVID-19 emergency, to manage through it effectively, and to support the economic recovery that will follow. The AMO Board and staff are committed to doing everything possible to support members at this critically important time.

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The Board also recognized the remarkable leadership demonstrated by Ontario municipalities from councils to front-line workers in responding to the COVID-19 emergency. The municipal response reflects outstanding leadership, effective emergency planning, the critically important role of municipalities in public health and emergency health services, and the important role of a wide array of municipal services that support healthy, safe communities, and businesses large and small.

Thank you for the work you are doing under difficult circumstances.

We are keeping our COVID-19 webpage current and focusing on what's most relevant.

AMO's dedicated COVID-19 email account will manage your questions, take your ideas, and facilitate your feedback. AMO's policy and member services teams look forward to hearing from you at [covid19@amo.on.ca](mailto:covid19@amo.on.ca).

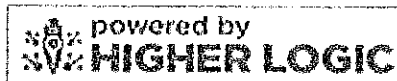
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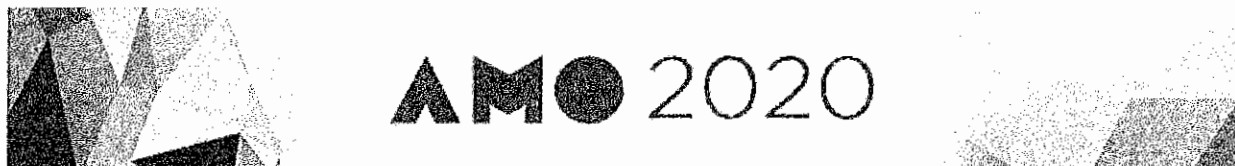
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April 4, 2020

**In person or online, AMO 2020 will connect municipal leaders to the information they need most.**

Planning has been underway for the AMO 2020 Conference for months, and the AMO staff and Board are committed to delivering a conference that meets the needs of Ontario's municipal leaders.

To date, AMO 2020 has had remarkable support from delegates, sponsors and exhibitors, with registrations at record numbers. That's because the AMO conference consistently delivers substantive policy and educational content, productive political engagement, and outstanding networking opportunities.

While planning is well underway for a gathering in the beautiful City of Ottawa from August 16-19, we are also planning for a contingency approach that would transform AMO 2020 into a virtual conference.

One way or another, delegates will have access to the most up-to-date information on the issues that matter most, and opportunities to connect with Provincial leaders, key Ministers and municipal colleagues from every part of Ontario. One way or another, AMO is committed to a conference experience that meets the needs of our members and provides value for the sponsors and exhibitors who help make the conference possible.

We are committed to keeping you informed of planning for the AMO 2020 conference. In person or online, AMO 2020 will connect municipal leaders to the information they need most.

In the meantime, there is no need to worry about cancellation deadlines. AMO will ensure you have the information you need to make timely and informed choices about your conference registration, exhibitor or sponsorship arrangements with no financial penalty.

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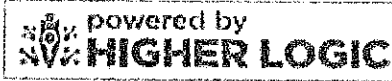
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April 6, 2020

## AMO COVID-19 Update

As we enter week four of the COVID-19 emergency, please know that AMO continues to bring critical municipal issues to the province in real time seeking immediate and practical resolutions to manage during the emergency. We are now in the depths of public health action to flatten the curve and we know that many communities are dealing with difficult local challenges.

### Revised List of Essential Services:

As was noted in AMO's Friday [Update](#), the Ontario government announced revisions to the essential services list that limited construction (see Sections 27 – 31 of the updated essential services [list](#)) to critical provincial infrastructure, including health, transport, energy and justice sectors – this includes construction projects and services required to ensure the safe and reliable operations of these provincial assets.

With respect to private sector construction activities, various industrial activities related to petrochemicals projects or manufacturing of medical devices and other identified products related to combatting COVID-19 also remain as essential. Residential construction projects can also proceed if either a footing permit or above grade structural permit have been issued or renovations were started before April 4, 2020.

In addition, construction and maintenance related to **municipal government services** are explicitly included on the essential services list and activities related to their operation may continue. These include water, sewer, roads, bridges, dams, waste and environmental management, emergency management, justice and policing. See section 34 for the entire list of essential community services.

For municipal governments, this means that works that support the delivery of services like sewage and drinking water would remain as essential. Lastly, under section 20, the maintenance or repair works to maintain the safety, security, sanitation

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and essential operation of institutional, commercial, industrial (ICI) and residential properties remain essential. It is our understanding that the municipal projects beyond critical maintenance or repair (i.e. new recreation hub) would fall under the closure order for the applicable period, with the possibility of extensions.

The provincial help line at 1-888-444-3659 is a resource for clarification on what municipal construction projects could be considered to be on the revised services list. That said, it may be prudent for municipal governments to consult with legal counsel for clarity on individual projects.

Ultimately, any of the workplaces that remain open must abide by the directives from the Chief Medical Officer or local public health units and comply with the *Occupational Health and Safety Act*. Further, the Ministry of Labour, Training and Skills Development recently issued the revised guidelines for construction sites. Employers should know that failure to comply with OHSA and its regulations could result in a stop work order.

#### **Seasonal Trailer Parks:**

Seasonal trailer parks and recreational campgrounds are not listed as essential businesses and, as such, were required to be closed as of midnight Saturday April 4, 2020.

Over the weekend, Minister Clark provided clarification (French) that for Ontarians whose only Canadian residence is at one of these seasonal trailer parks or campgrounds, they are permitted to continue their occupancy.

As well, those who fall into this group will be returning from another country and must complete their mandatory self-isolation as required by the mandatory isolation order made by the federal government under the Quarantine Act which took effect on March 25, 2020.

#### **Help to Serve Vulnerable Persons:**

The province will provide up to \$40 million to support organizations that provide residential services for children and youth, people with developmental disabilities and emergency shelters for women and families fleeing domestic violence.

The COVID-19 Residential Relief Fund will cover costs such as additional staffing, residential respite for caregivers; personal protective equipment and supplies; initiatives to support physical distancing and transportation to minimize client exposure.

#### **Future Work:**

AMO has been working with the Province to provide extensions of timelines for all administrative processes required under all legislation obliging municipalities to process applications or materials, notify, report or hold public meetings. With the focus and possible reassignment of duties to COVID related tasks, it is impossible for

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some municipal governments (and in some cases applicants) to meet deadlines. As well, AMO is requesting that this potential timeline pause, when restarted, should allow for a reasonable recovery period.

Municipal governments continue to deliver what is essential to our residents and business - a credit to both councils and all staff. You are public service at its finest.

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April 8, 2020

## **COVID-19 Update: New COVID-19 Related Items You Need to Know**

### **Ontario Cannabis Stores can Temporarily Offer Curbside Pick-Up and Delivery**

Given the long-term goal of establishing a legal cannabis market in Ontario and continued operation of illegal sales, the Government of Ontario has authorized cannabis stores to offer temporary curb-side pick-up and delivery of their products. The authorization is in place immediately and will continue, possibly with extension, until provincial closure orders are lifted.

Revisions to Ontario's essential services list on April 3<sup>rd</sup> removed cannabis retail stores as essential for the purposes of the emergency response to COVID-19. Cannabis stores and others not included in the revised list were ordered to close as of 11:59 p.m. on April 4<sup>th</sup>. Prior to closing many retailers observed long line ups and strong demand. Unlike other retailers, cannabis stores were prohibited from offering their products through phone or online access – meaning these retailers were left unable to operate at all.

Sales of cannabis through curbside pick-up and delivery can be offered from 9 a.m. – 11 p.m., Monday – Sunday, and products must be paid for prior to pick-up or delivery of the product. All conditions such as maximum amounts (30g) per purchase, minimum age, and prohibiting sales to intoxicated people remain in place. Transactions including home delivery can only be completed by the retail license holder or a direct employee certified under CannSell – third-party delivery is prohibited.

As is already the case with purchases through the Ontario Cannabis Store (OCS), AMO understands that stores offering delivery are able to do so in any municipality,

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including those that have opted out of allowing cannabis retail in their communities. During the Provincial Emergency Period the AGCO has announced it will pause new retail store authorizations; however, retail store operator and manager licenses will continue to be processed.

### **Further Suspension of Noise By-laws**

**In order to facilitate essential health care and residential construction, a regulation was passed (Ontario Regulation 131/20) which limits Section 451.1 of the *Municipal Act* by lifting *municipal noise by-laws* to permit certain construction work to continue outside of the normal workday/work week. The decision to work during hours that normally would be prohibited under a noise by-law is at the discretion of the construction company. This exception applies to:**

- Construction projects and services in a municipality associated with the healthcare sector, including new facilities, expansions, renovations and conversion of spaces that could be repurposed for health care space, at any time of the day or night.
- Any other construction activity in a municipality may operate between the hours of 6 a.m. and 10 p.m.

*No amendments to municipal by-laws are required.*

The provincial help line at 1-888-444-3659 is a resource for clarification on what municipal construction projects could be considered to be on the revised services list. That said, it may be prudent for municipal governments to consult with legal counsel for clarity on individual projects. Any of the workplaces that remain open must abide by the directives from the Chief Medical Officer or local public health units and comply with the *Occupational Health and Safety Act*.

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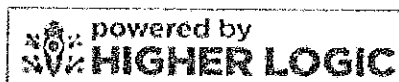
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## The Corporation of the Town of Midland

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March 23, 2020

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The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau  
Prime Minister of Canada  
Langevin Block,  
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Dear Prime Minister:

**Re: Direct Payment of Federal Funds to Municipalities to Waive Property Taxes for the Year 2020 - Financial help to alleviate the suffering from COVID-19 Pandemic**

It is trite to repeat the human and financial toll of the COVID-19 Pandemic. Similarly, the commitment of the federal, provincial and municipal governments toward alleviating the suffering of Canadians does not require repeating.

We, at the Town of Midland, in the Province of Ontario, are proposing what we believe to be a simple but effective solution to facilitate the delivery of our common and shared commitment to the financial and psychological well-being of all Canadians.

**Proposal:**

**1. Residential Properties (primary residence only)**

- a. Waive 100% of the 2020 property taxes for all residential properties currently assessed at or below \$ 500,000.00 by each governing provincial property assessment body; and
- b. Waive 50% of the 2020 property taxes for all residential properties currently assessed below \$ 1,000,000.00; and
- c. Waive 25% of the 2020 property taxes for all residential properties currently assessed above \$1,000,000.00.

**2. Industrial, Commercial and Farm Properties**

- a. Waive 100% of the 2020 property taxes for all; industrial, commercial and farm properties currently assessed at under \$ 10,000,000.00; and
- b. Waive 50% of the property taxes for the year 2020 for all industrial, commercial and farm properties currently assessed between \$10,000,000.00 and \$ 50,000,000.00; and
- c. Waive 25% of the property taxes for the year 2020 for all industrial, commercial and farm properties assessed above \$50,000,000.00.

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**3. Federal Transfer Payment to Canadian Municipalities**

- a. In lieu of the annual municipal property taxes, the Federal Government transfers funds to municipalities across Canada, as a one-time grant.

**Advantages of the Proposal:**

- 1. Quick and timely relief;
- 2. Direct relief to all Canadian homeowners and the business community;
- 3. Directly protects Canadians who although may be solvent, are unable to easily meet the financial pressures beyond their personal capacity due to COVID-19;
- 4. No additional resources required to assess individual need and delivery of the relief;
- 5. Negligible overhead costs for the disbursement of the relief. In fact, it may cut-down on some of the work for municipal staff; and
- 6. The financial stimulus received from the federal government will come into circulation immediately and will stay in the community.

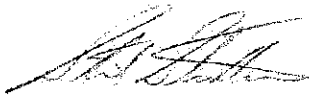
There are a multitude of other direct and indirect financial and non-financial benefits that will result from the implementation of this proposal. The biggest non-financial impact is that Canadians will see an immediate financial relief respecting the pressures to make their property tax payments and be better positioned to address other essential needs. In turn, removing this added stress will provide some relief to the already strained financial and health systems.

As you are aware, Canadians are entering this time of crisis with a very high amount of house-hold debt and a great deal of financial fragility. Taking this simple step should alleviate some of those pressures. At the same time, it will keep your municipal governments, and school boards primed for continued productivity and forward momentum to address the fallout from COVID-19.

Thanking you in anticipation of a favourable response.

Sincerely,

**The Corporation of the Town of Midland**



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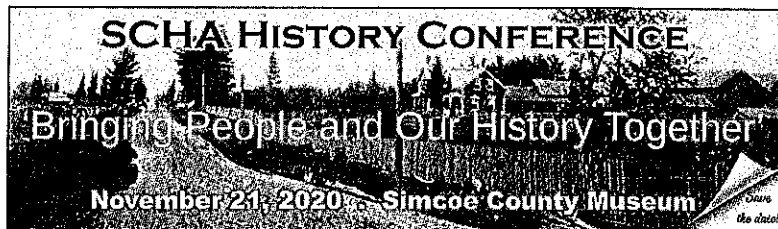
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Membership Chair, SCHA  
P.O. Box 144, Barrie, ON L4M

**CANCELLED DUE TO COVID-19**  
Tuesday, March 17, 7:30 p.m. at Huronia Room, Barrie City Hall  
**AGM: Business Meeting and Bylaw Ratification**  
"County Calamities" as told by members of our local organizations



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in the Present,  
for the Future.

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## President's Report by Ted Duncan

SCHA has been busy since our last report in December. Board members held a series of meetings to complete some projects that have been incomplete for sometime.

Deb Crawford worked on revamping and updating our Constitution and By-laws for the Board to vote on in preparation for presentation to members at our AGM March 17<sup>th</sup>. John Merritt has prepared a new Hunter Writing program for high school students to promote the writing of history in our County. He also prepared a plan for a presentation table for SCHA at the Simcoe County Museum Heritage Fair. Some of us are volunteering as judges at that fair in April. All people interested in history should attend the Fair. The kids do a great job. You would enjoy it. Deb Exel has been busy developing SCHA policy updates for the Community Partnerships process, for the SCHA Speaker Series, for the Newsletter process and the membership process. All have been approved by the Board. Also she arranged for business cards and name tags for Board members. Deb has been very

busy as well developing plans for our History Conference planned for November 21 at the Simcoe County Museum. More information will come out soon to outline how your group and interested individuals can get involved. It should be a time to share and learn from each other. Donna Wice has not been inactive either. She took a leave from us at SCHA for a couple of months to take the lead in Innisfil preparing another new book on their history. It is a big job and I hear that the book will be out soon if not already. We are looking forward to that. All members of our Board work hard in their home communities promoting and preserving our County's history. And thanks for that.

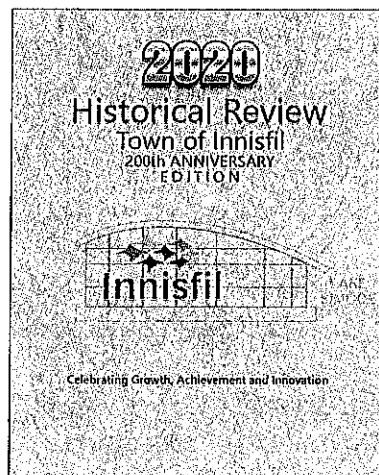
As for myself, I have helped with the above activities to bring them forward. We are a small Board and so we all have to be part of the solution. I've attended meetings at the County on Grants and Agri-tourism. It is important that the SCHA meet with County people to make them aware of the needs of our history communities and how they can help us. We are hoping we can have support for our

Conference in the fall. Further to the Barn Photo Project we are promoting, I have developed a partnership with a teacher at Georgian College to have some of his students map the barn photos we have done in Ramara Township. I'm looking for this to be done across the County.

Lastly, I attended a meeting at Bradford West Gwillimbury Local History Society to speak on the SCHA past, present and future. My talk seemed to be well received. I showed digital slides of selected barns in Ramara as well. People from all over the County are interested in what we learned and are learning about barns. Afterward, there was a Q&A and sharing time about barns. There was a very interesting model of a round barn from Nova Scotia brought in for show and tell. Another result was that a volunteer, Janine Harris-Wheatly, stepped up to develop a form to record speakers for a County wide Speakers Bureau we have been talking about for awhile. I would be interested and willing to visit your group to speak about SCHA.

## It's Nearly Completed! by Donna Wice

A committee of 12 Innisfil historians have been hard at work since July of 2016 gathering stories of events, people, businesses, changes and growth. Under the editorial skills of former Business English teacher Gail Lucas, the fourth in a series of Innisfil Historical Reviews (1951, 1967, 1984) is shaping into a wonderful tribute to Innisfil's 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations in 2020.



The book will be revealed to the public on July 9<sup>th</sup> at Innisfil Town Hall. Pricing and advance sale info to be released shortly. The excitement mounts!

Donna Wice, Project Coordinator

## Remembering Josephine Hester Beynon Boos 1923-2020 by Donna Wice

The executive of Simcoe County Historical Association was saddened to hear of the passing of longtime member Josephine Boos. She was a valued resource and reference person for all things historical in Simcoe County.

Josephine was the daughter of Rev. Erdman Doane Beynon and granddaughter of Rev Robert Barnes Beynon, minister from 1904-1908 at Stroud Methodist Church later known as St James United.

During her teaching years, Josephine Boos was a valued English teacher and librarian at Barrie North Collegiate, and in her obituary former students paid tribute to her fine attributes.

Josephine owned Shenrone Enterprises Press and published several local history books. She was also involved in the reprinting of older books like the two on the Warnica family from 1886 and 1891 by Andrew Frederick Hunter. Her specific area of expertise revolved around assisting others with their research.

In 1988 she published *Materials of Value to Researchers* and later *County of Simcoe Limited Bibliography*. She was instrumental in collating a master list of *Historical Plaques of Simcoe County*.

*I never met Josephine, but I knew of her. I wished I'd known her many years ago because I felt that she*

*was "a family History Library" in her prime. Ross Wallace shared a paper which she wrote and I actually sent it to Ireland because it spoke of settlers from Queen's County who came to Simcoe County including the Thompsons and Coopers to whom we were related.*

*Susan (Black) Oleskiw*

In recent months, Josephine's family contacted SCHA and generously gave President Ted a number of items of great historical interest.

Our sincere sympathy is extended to the family of Josephine Boos.

### OMAH in March

**OMAH Speakeasy Night**  
Friday, March 27  
6 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

Join the Roaring 2020s!

This fundraiser will feature five food stations, music, and activities inspired by the 1920s on every floor. Immerse yourself in an experience that will transport you to another century. Themed musicians will be playing in each area, including The Big Butter and The Egg Men. Explore the past with an exclusive pop up exhibition about Orillia in the 1920s. Get a VIP password that lets you in through the prisoners' entrance to chow down and sink into a sidecar while you do your time in the jail cells.

General Ticket = \$50  
VIP Ticket = \$75

**Orillia Silver Band**  
*at the Orillia Opera House*

March 22 at 2:30 p.m. and April 4 at 7:30 p.m.

Celebrating its 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary, the Orillia Silver Band has partnered with the Orillia Museum of Art & History and Mariposa Arts Theatre to produce a multi-media show, SHINE! - 70 Years of Orillia. The show will feature a series of stories and vignettes about Orillia's history over the last 70 years, a video montage of photos and film, and music performed by the Band and others spanning the period.

Advance sale of \$20 for adults before March 18, (then \$25), \$10 for students & children. Tickets are on sale at the Opera House Box Office.

Orillia  
SILVER BAND  
PRESENTS  
**SHINE!**  
70 YEARS OF ORILLIA

## Wickedness in the Woods - The Story of John Tryon by Mary Harris

For one hundred and two years, Canada hanged people. Murderers, rapists and those convicted of treason, including twelve women, took a walk to the gallows in cities all over this land. From 1860 until 1962, this was the law. The old Barrie Jail saw five men hanged and this is the tale of just one of them, John Tryon, the second prisoner to meet the hangman behind those limestone walls.

In the jail's long history, years or even several decades passed between executions, but for some reason, the first two hangings in Barrie both occurred in 1873. James Caruthers, a farmer from Ivy with an explosive temper made worse by drink, was found responsible for the sudden death of his wife and made the first climb up the wooden stairs at the Barrie Jail in June of that year. John Tryon would follow him in December.

The writing style in old newspaper articles is absolutely fascinating, in my opinion. The headlines and subtitles were always attention grabbers. **SENTENCED TO BE HANGED!** The reader could expect the story to reveal all sorts of juicy details – graphic details of injuries, witness testimony, idle gossip, speculation, hearsay, personal opinion and all sorts of curious tidbits that would never be seen today. The writer for the September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 1873 edition of the Northern Advance described the accused as “strongly-built shrewd looking man ... who betrayed considerable nervousness during the trial.” while his son, George Tryon, who was then co-accused, as a “pleasant looking young man ... certainly ‘the murderer’ was not marked in his countenance.”

The crime took place many miles from Barrie, near an isolated cabin on the shore of Commanda Lake in the Parry Sound District, where the

Tryons were trying to eke out a living by trading furs and provisions with the local aboriginal people. The two men partnered with another man named Francis Fisher, who was a German immigrant who had lived for a number of years in New York State before coming to Canada. Mr. Fisher was to arrange all the trading, keep the house and do all the cooking while the other men spent their time hunting. The three met in Collingwood in September of 1872 and sailed across Georgian Bay aboard the passenger steamer *Chicora* to reach the North Shore area where they intended to conduct their business.

On a cold and starry winter night, the partnership came to a sudden and horrific end when Francis Fisher was found dead several feet from the cabin. Robert McKee, a young man from a neighbouring cabin, would later testify in a Barrie courtroom that George Tryon came to his home and asked that he come quickly because he believed that “Fisher was killed and asked me to go and see.” Young McKee found the body of Fisher lying under several hundred pounds of deer meat that had been hanging from a pole stretched between two trees. It appeared that the dead man had been standing on a sled while attempting to cut a piece of meat for dinner with an ax, but the whole structure collapsed and killed him.

The next day, Robert McKee was sent to find some aboriginal men to help bury the body. They returned and buried Mr. Fisher. A few days later, McKee and the Tryons traveled to Parry Sound to report the death. It was not until early April that anyone came to the little shanty in the woods to investigate the death, but the cold weather had preserved the body of Fisher quite well, so a lot of telltale evidence still remained. Even as the science

of forensics was still in its infancy, it was quite easy for Dr. John E. White of Parry Sound to tell wounds made by falling meat and tree limbs from those made by an ax. John and George Tryon were arrested and charged with murder.

No witness saw the final altercation, or ever knew the three men to ever have any quarrels among them. The most damning evidence came from the hundreds of dollars, in American, Canadian and in gold, found on the men when arrested, when no person could ever recall them having money of their own previously. In the end, the verdict was guilty and the judge gave them the only sentence he could – death by hanging.

“I must sentence you as the law directs, which is, that you, John and George Tryon, be taken hence to the place whence you came, and from thence to the place of execution on the day of 16<sup>th</sup> December next, and there be hanged by the neck until dead, and may God have mercy on your souls.”

On September 22<sup>nd</sup>, three days after their conviction, John Tryon requested to see Rev. E. Morgan of Trinity Anglican Church. He then confessed to the minister that the murder was all his doing, and that George knew nothing about it. He also said that his motive was not about “hate, and not about greed over Fisher’s money, but a rather odd reason was given. He said that George’s wife was due to give birth in Barrie any day, and that George was going to be leaving him behind to go to Barrie. In John Tryon’s twisted thinking, Francis Fisher’s ‘accidental’ death was somehow supposed to keep George from going to Barrie.

George Tryon was freed, and John Tryon kept his date with the hangman at the Barrie Jail.

**In Memory of the Postcard** by Billy Courtice

Wish you were here.

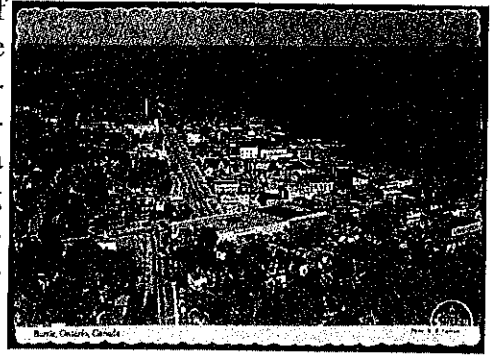
A simple sentiment that, at one time, was likely entirely overused. At one time, when distance was a real thing. When entering into someone's company, regardless of spatial separation, wasn't as easy as booking a cheap flight to any corner of the world. When our best friends, even from far-off places, weren't just a click away.

After all, there are very few instances today in which we *really wish* you were here. Between our Facebook timelines, Twitter feeds and Instagram stories, we know exactly what you're up to. We know how your parents are holding up, we know about the successes of your kids. Why the need to get together anyway?

But less than a century ago, before commercial flight took off, or even less than three decades ago, before personal computers found their way into the homes of just about *everyone*—we truly wished you were here. And we let you know on the back of a postcard, which you might have received a week, or even a month later.

Lithography changed the face of postcards dramatically before the turn of the 20th Century. The postcard, first emerging in Central Europe in the 1860s, was originally a business-focused medium, acting much like a business or appointment card. But soon, colourful, artistic renditions of notable landscapes, streetscapes, favourite cities and parks soon allowed us to show our recipients a snapshot of our lives at their most picturesque. Today, many of us publish and receive these postcards every day—without a conscious thought. No longer are we required to select a card, share our thoughts and best wishes, sign, seal, stamp and stroll to the post office box to send it away. Instead, we capture our lives at their most extraordinary—and their most mundane—and share these images with all our friends online.

Our most memorable moments—an impossibly perfect day at Minet's Point beach, the purchase of our first home, a 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary—melt into the minutiae of otherwise forgettable days. There they are, sharing a spot on my cellphone



alongside Tuesday's lunch (a rather pedestrian turkey sub), or a blurry shot of the neighbour's pesky cat. And once they are launched from my device into the chaotic playground of social media, they are just as soon jettisoned from people's feeds to float in the vacuum of cyberspace, where they are immediately forgotten. Not the case with those old postcards though.

People really hang onto those. They meant something to us when we sent them, so they ought to mean something when we receive them. They offer a look at colours not found in historic black and white photography. They put a name to a place, and a date to a moment in time that was otherwise not captured in a photo. They reveal places in Barrie that were once special to its residents, long-since gone. They mean plenty to Barrie residents, too. We have proof of it, looking at the dozens shared with us that have until now have been preserved for decades in special boxes, cases and cabinets. Fortunately, many of these postcards have been donated and digitized for all to enjoy on the Barrie Historical Archive. See them [here](#).

And if you haven't joined us on the Barrie Historical Archive in a while: *We wish you were here*.

We also invite you to enjoy weekly postcards from Orillia!



**Coming Events of Member Societies**

<p><u>Allandale Neighbourhood Association</u> Contact <u>Cathy Colepatch</u> March 31st meeting cancelled.</p>	<p><u>Friends of Fort Willow</u> Contact <u>Bryan Wesson</u></p> <p>Heritage Barrie Contact <u>Tomasz Wierzba</u></p>	<p><u>Penetanguishene Centennial Museum and Archives</u> Contact Nicole Jackson 705-549-2150</p>
<p>Alliston Historical Society Contact Jackie Baillie 705-435-5626 Meet at Museum on the Boyne 2 p.m. 2nd Wednesday Feb-June, Oct, Nov</p>	<p><u>Historic Military Establishment of Upper Canada</u> Contact <u>David Brunelle</u></p>	<p><u>Ramara Historical Society</u> Contact <u>Cathy Westcott</u> Meet at Udney Community Centre 7 p.m. 3rd Thurs Jan-June, Sept, Dec <b>Mar. 19</b> <i>Colleen Clark</i> Vintage Embroidery - Show and Tell <b>Apr. 16</b> <i>Ted Duncan/Murray Mulvihill</i> Show &amp; Tell Barn Memorabilia and Tools <b>May 21</b> Show &amp; Tell Vintage Attire and Accessories <b>June 18</b> Picnic at St. Columbkille Church Grounds <b>July 25</b> Yester year s Celebration</p>
<p>Archives of Ontario Library Contact <u>Frank Van Kalmthout</u></p>	<p><u>Innisfil Historical Society</u> Contact <u>Donna Wice</u> Meet at Knock Comm Centre 2 p.m. <b>Mar. 21</b> Pigeon Club of Innisfil <b>Apr. 18</b> A panel of tradesmen sharing stories of changing times <b>May 16</b> <i>Leah Emms</i> Ontario Federation of Agriculture Rep for Simcoe County <b>June 20</b> Road trip to visit local sheep farms and antiques</p>	<p><u>Simcoe County Branch, Genealogical Society</u> Contact Nancy Leveque Meet at Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints 2 p.m. <b>Apr. 4</b> <i>Linda Corupe</i> Making her Presence Known, meeting at the Orillia Public Library <b>May 2</b> <i>Mike Clare</i> Spanish Flu</p>
<p><u>Barrie Historical Archive</u> Contact <u>Deb Exel</u></p>	<p><u>Innisfil Public Library</u> Contact <u>Museum on the Boyne</u> Contact <u>Katie Huddleston</u> 705-435-4030 x. 1802</p>	<p><u>Simcoe County Museum</u> Contact Kelly Swift-Jones 705-728-3721</p>
<p>Bradford/West Gwillimbury Historical Association Contact <u>Jan Blommaert</u>, 705-456-1870 Meet at BWG Library 2 p.m. 4th Saturday Jan-May, Sept-Nov</p>	<p><u>Orillia Museum of Art and History</u> Contact 705-326-2159 <b>Mar. 18</b> <i>Orillia Silver Band</i> A Celebration of 70 Years of Service <b>Apr. 15</b> <i>Christine Johnstone</i> Stories from Behind the Badge <b>May 5</b> <i>Carmichael Lecture Jim and Sue Waddington</i> In the Footsteps of the Group of Seven <b>May 20</b> <i>Margaret Pomeroy</i> Quilting through the Years <b>To Apr. 11</b> She Shoots... She Scores <b>To Apr. 11</b> At Risk: Tracey Lawko</p>	<p><u>Stayner Heritage Society</u> Contact Tom Scholte 705-517-5171</p>
<p><u>Coldwater Canadian Heritage Museum</u></p>	<p><u>Oro-Medonte Heritage Committee</u> Contact <u>Cathy Keane</u></p>	<p><u>Tecumseth &amp; West Gwillimbury Historical Society</u> Contact <u>Janine Harris-Wheatley</u> 905-936-6549 Meet at TecWeGwill Hall 7:30 3rd Monday Jan-May, Sept-Nov</p>
<p><u>Collingwood District Historical Society</u> Contact Joan Miller 705-445-1119 Meet at Leisure Time Club 7 p.m.</p>	<p><u>Oro-Medonte Heritage Committee</u> Contact <u>Cathy Keane</u></p>	<p>Township of Essa Contact</p>
<p><u>Collingwood Museum</u> Contact Susan Warner 705-445-4811</p>	<p><u>Oro-Medonte Heritage Committee</u> Contact <u>Cathy Keane</u></p>	<p>Township of Tiny Contact <u>Pamela Zimmerman</u></p>
<p>The Cookstown Community Development Team <u>www.CooktownON.ca</u> Deb Crawford contact at 705 791 2051 or <u>Email</u></p>	<p><u>Oro-Medonte Heritage Committee</u> Contact <u>Cathy Keane</u></p>	<p>Township of Tiny Contact <u>Pamela Zimmerman</u></p>
<p>Essa Historical Society Contact <u>Olive Lee</u> 705-458-9971 Meet at Thornton Library 1:30 4th Sat. Jan-June, Sept-Nov</p>	<p><u>Oro-Medonte Heritage Committee</u> Contact <u>Cathy Keane</u></p>	<p>Township of Tiny Contact <u>Pamela Zimmerman</u></p>
<p>Essa Public Library Contact</p>	<p><u>Oro-Medonte Heritage Committee</u> Contact <u>Cathy Keane</u></p>	<p>Township of Tiny Contact <u>Pamela Zimmerman</u></p>





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**TOWNSHIP OF ESSA FIRE DEPARTMENT  
STATION NUMBER ONE  
Month of March 2020**

<b>Emergency Calls for the Month</b>	
Structure Fires -	0
Vehicle Fires -	0
Overheat Condition -	0
Grass/Bush/Rubbish Fires -	0
Vehicle Accidents - 083, 102	2
Vehicle Extrications -	0
Tiered Medicals- 104	1
Rescues -	0
Burning Complaints - 105	1
False Alarms -	0
CO Calls -	0
Other Responses (List) -	0
<b>Sub-total of Emergency Calls</b>	<b>4</b>
Assist Stn #2 - 096, 109	2
Mutual Aid Responses -	0
<b>Total Emergency calls</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>Training and Activities for the Month</b>	
Regular Training and Special Training -	0
Theory Training - March 05	1
Work Details (List) - March 18 - Truck Checks, March 19 - SCBA battery change	2
Public Education -	0
Inspections/Prevention -	0
Special Activities (List) -	0
Officer Meeting - March 11	1
<b>Total Training and Activities for the Month</b>	<b>4</b>

Reviewed By: 

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TOWNSHIP OF ESSA FIRE DEPARTMENT  
STATION NUMBER TWO  
Month of March 2020

<u>Emergency Calls for the Month</u>	
Structure Fires -	0
Vehicle Fires -	0
Overheat Condition -	0
Grass/Bush/Rubbish Fires -	0
Vehicle Accidents -- 081, 082, 084, 097	4
Vehicle Extrications -	0
Tiered Medicals- 085, 088, 089, 101, 108	5
Rescues --	0
Burning Complaints - 094, 098, 091, 100, 106	5
False Alarms -- 086, 099, 103, 107, 109	5
CO Calls -- 079, 080, 093	3
Other Responses (List) - 078 -- Water problem, 087 -- wellness check, 092- wellness check, 090, wellness check, 095 -- water pipes, 096 -- perceived emergency, 110 -- gas leak	7
<b>Sub-total of Emergency Calls</b>	<b>29</b>
Assist Stn #1 -- 102	1
Mutual Aid Responses --	0
<b>Total Emergency Calls</b>	<b>30</b>
<u>Training and Activities for the Month</u>	
Regular Training and Special Training -- March 04 -- Driver training	1
Theory Training - March 03	1
Work Details (List) -- March 05 -- Snow Removal, March 09 -- SCBA battery change, March 11- P2 annual, March 13 -- SCBA cylinders, March 16 -- Curries, March 16 -- Truck Check, March 30 -- SCBA cylinders & Ladder 4 to RSU	8
Public Education --	0
Inspections/Prevention -- March 23 -- Plan review, March 9 -- Commercial cooking equipment, March 9 -- request, March 03 -- correspondence email (3)	6
Special Activities (List) -	0
Officer Meeting -- March 11, March 19	2
<b>Total Training and Activities for the Month</b>	<b>18</b>

Reviewed By: *gnk*

# MARCH - EMERGENCY RESPONSE CALLS, DAY & TIME

Sunday		Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday		Saturday	
1	Public service 10:30	2	CO false - 1500	3		4	Public Service 1600	5		6	MVC - 1600	7	MVC - 0100
	(1)		(1)				(1)				(1)		(1)
8		9		10		11	MVC - 0400, 1500, medical - 1800, malicious 1830	12	Public service - 1800, medical 1840, 2030	13	Public service - 1800, burn complaint - 2130	14	Public service - 0900, CO alarm - 1100
							(4)		(3)		(2)		(2)
15	Open air burning - 1200, perceived emergency - 1430, 1800 (3)	16		17		18	MVC - 2030	19	Open air burn - 1530, false alarm 2330	20		21	Open air burning - 2300
							(1)		(2)				(1)
22	Cancelled en route - 0630	23	MVC - 1430;	24		25	Accidental alarm - 1400; medical 1430; open air burn - 1600, 1700; fire alarm - 2130 (5)	26	Medical - 1100;	27		28	
	(1)		(1)						(1)				
29	Perceived emergency - 1700	30	Gas leak - 2100	31									
	(1)		(1)										

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**From:** Mandy Webster <[Mandy.Webster@rci.rogers.com](mailto:Mandy.Webster@rci.rogers.com)>  
**Sent:** March 27, 2020 11:47 AM  
**To:** Mandy Webster <[Mandy.Webster@rci.rogers.com](mailto:Mandy.Webster@rci.rogers.com)>  
**Subject:** Support for Broadband Coverage in Your Community

Residents, Business Owners and Elected Officials,

We are looking for your support.

Rogers is applying for funding under the CRTC Broadband Fund to improve broadband coverage in some underserved communities across Ontario.

These applications will extend broadband capabilities with speeds of at least 50 Mbps download and 10 Mbps upload to the community providing residents and businesses with better access to government services, e-commerce, and internet-based resources to stay ahead of the technology and e-learning curve.

We hope to be successful in our application, but we need your help to do so. We are trying to collect a multitude of letters and support from communities who are underserved. That's you!

If you are willing and able, please reply to this e-mail and I can provide you with a sample letter/template that you can use to express your support. We'd also like to extend this e-mail to anyone else who may want to help support this initiative. Please provide me with their contact information and I will make sure to reach out to them.

Lastly, if you'd like some more information or to speak with one of my colleagues who is heading this application, I can certainly connect you.

You deserve the same service as everyone else. Help us, help you.

Sincerely,

**Mandy Webster**  
**Producer**

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April 1, 2020

Canadian Radio-Television and Telecommunications Commission (CRTC)  
Ottawa, Ontario  
K1A 0N2  
Canada

**RE: IMPROVING BROADBAND ACCESS IN THE TOWNSHIP OF ESSA TOWNSHIP**

To Whom It May Concern:

This letter is being written to advise that Council of the Township of Essa is in support of Rogers Communications Canada Inc.'s ("Rogers") application for funding under the CRTC Broadband Fund to assist with improving broadband coverage in the Township of Essa.

This application will extend broadband capabilities with speeds of at least 50 Mbps download and 10 Mbps upload to the community providing residents and businesses with better access to government services, e-commerce, and internet-based resources to stay ahead of the technology and e-learning curve. For these reasons, Council believes that the project will address our community's need for broadband connectivity.

As such, the Corporation of the Township of Essa supports Rogers in its application to bring broadband to our community, and requests that the CRTC grant funding to Rogers to fulfill this initiative.

Sincerely,

Lisa Lehr, CMO  
Clerk

C.c. James Rajotte  
Vice President Government Relations, Provincial & Municipal  
Rogers Communications Inc.  
[James.rajotte@rci.rogers.com](mailto:James.rajotte@rci.rogers.com)

**Krista Pascoe**

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**From:** Lisa Lehr  
**Sent:** April 4, 2020 9:31 AM  
**To:** Krista Pascoe  
**Subject:** Fw: 2020 Borden CAF Day & Air Show postponed - Township of Essa

Consent

Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone on the TELUS network.

Original Message

From: Pamela.Brooks@forces.gc.ca  
Sent: Thursday, April 2, 2020 2:11 PM  
To: Lisa Lehr; Krista Pascoe  
Subject: 2020 Borden CAF Day & Air Show postponed - Township of Essa

Original Message

Hello Lisa and Krista,

A few moments ago, Colonel Andrew Atherton (CFB Borden Base Commander) announced that the 2020 Borden Canadian Armed Forces Day will be postponed. No new date has been decided at this time. I will continue to keep you informed as more information becomes available.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

I'd like to express how much the Township of Essa's support of the CFB Borden community is appreciated.

Kind regards,

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