

Township of Essa Public Notice

For Immediate Release



What You Need To Know: Local Impact of Province's Stage One Reopening Plan

Essa, May 21, 2020 – On May 19, the Ontario government announced the immediate reopening of several outdoor recreational amenities as part of the first stage of its plan to reopen the province.

As a result, the Township of Essa has begun the process of reopening and readying local outdoor recreational parks and amenities for public use. This includes the Peacekeepers Park, sports fields (no league play), off-leash dog parks, tennis courts, skateboard parks, fishing parks, outdoor picnic sites, benches, and shelters.

Over the next week, Township staff will undertake the required maintenance of amenities to ensure parks are safe and ready for the public, in addition to posting updated signage throughout Township parks to reinforce the need to stay 2 m apart. The Township thanks residents for their patience as this work is completed.

Currently, the following Provincial Orders remain in effect:

- no gatherings of more than five people who are not part of the same household, and
- all playgrounds, playground structures, splash pads and outdoor fitness equipment are still closed and not to be used.

When outdoors, residents are reminded to stay apart by maintaining a distance of at least 2 m (or six feet) between themselves and any person living outside of their household.

At this time, the Township regrets to inform residents that the difficult decision has been made to refrain from proceeding with the operation of the 2020 Summer Camps. The Township takes the safety of residents very seriously and only intends to hold camps and programs when it safe to do so.

The Township continues to review updates from the Ontario government to assess their local impact, and to determine the appropriate amount of time for staff to implement necessary safety measures prior to any re openings.

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Amenity	Anticipated Reopening Date
Off-leash dog park	Opening May 29 th
Benches	Opening May 29 th
Picnic shelters	Opening May 29 th
Skateboard park	Opening May 29 th
Fishing parks	Opening May 29 th
Baseball diamonds	By May 29, casual use only League play not permitted at this time
Basketball courts	By May 29, casual use only League play not permitted at this time
Outdoor Arena Pads	By May 29, casual use only League play not permitted at this time
Pickleball/ Tennis courts	By May 29, casual use only League play not permitted at this time
Sports fields (soccer, multi-use areas)	By May 29, casual use only League play not permitted at this time
Municipal facilities including Administration Centre and Arenas	Closed to the public/walk in traffic at this time Staff is available by phone or email
Municipal playground equipment	Closed at this time
Outdoor fitness equipment	Closed at this time
Public washrooms	Closed at this time
Splash pads	Closed at this time