

TOWNSHIP OF JOCELYN PUBLIC NOTICE

2020.04.17 update

Changes to Jocelyn Township Operations due to COVID 19

Municipal Office: the Municipal Office remains closed to the public but staff can be reached by phone and email. Staff will return messages and emails as they are able. We appreciate your patience.

Landfill update: The Landfill hours remain Sunday and Wednesday Noon to 5 PM. Summer hours commence May 1, 2020 and the landfill hours will be Sunday and Wednesday Noon to 8 PM and Mondays of holiday weekends. (This is subject to change). The Share Shed continues to be closed.

Tipping fees: Tipping fees for brush will be waived until May 31. All other tipping fees still apply and must be paid at the office. To obtain a tipping slip, please contact the Municipal Office to make arrangements as they can not be paid for at the Landfill.

Burning Permits: All ratepayers of Jocelyn Township are advised that the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry has declared a Restricted Fire Zone (RFZ) for the entire fire region of the province in Restricted Fire Zones 1-36 (effective April 3, 2020). Burn Permits are not valid at this time.

During a Restricted Fire Zone, the use of open fires – such as campfires, cooking fires, burning of brush or debris is prohibited. Failure to comply could result in a fine up to \$25,000; three months in jail, as well as, financial responsibility for the costs incurred in fighting a forest fire.

Building Permits: Completed applications and drawings for Building Permits can be submitted to the Municipal Office by email, mail, or dropping them in the mail box at the office. We are unable to issue building permits for new residential construction at this time but will accept the information for processing and have them prepared for when restrictions are lifted.

Tax Payments: The due date for the 2020 interim tax billing has been extended until April 30, 2020. Payments may be made online or by cheque. Please do not leave cash in the mailbox.

Parks: All municipal parks are closed to the public until further notice. This includes Mountainview Centennial Grounds, Jocelyn Park and Beech Beach.

Recreation Events: The Mountain Maple Run Walk is cancelled. The Canada Day Festivities at Jocelyn Park are cancelled. No decision has been made at this time regarding Harvest Festival (Saturday of Labour Day Weekend) or Hunter's Supper (November)

Council Meetings: Notice of the next Council meeting will be posted.

We wish everyone a safe and healthy spring and please remember to practice physical distancing, proper hand washing and stay home as much as possible.

For COVID-19 updates, please go to Algoma Public Health www.algomapublichealth.com or call 1-866-892-0172 ext 5404.

If you require assistance, please contact us at: Jocelyn Township Office, 3670 5th Side Road, RR #1, Hilton Beach, Ontario P0R 1G0. email: admin@jocelyn.ca Phone Number: 705-246-2025

Other Community Supports

Food, Essentials and Delivery Services:

Meals-on-Wheels, Friendly Phone Visiting, Transportation to Essential Medical Appointments:
Dr. Harold S. Trefry Memorial Centre – 705-246-0036

In-Store, Delivery or Curbside Pick-up of Groceries and Essentials:

- Island Market – 705-246-2500
- Kentvale Home Hardware – 705-246-2002

Deliveries of Essentials: The St. Joseph Island Lions Club volunteer delivery – 705-206-3229

St. Joseph Island & Area Food Bank: The food bank prepares packages for pick-up every Wednesday 1pm – 3pm at the United Church in Richards Landing (next to the hospital).
Call Rita (705-246-1687), or Adrian (705-246-1893).

Harvest Algoma: The Harvest Algoma food truck will have produce for anyone in need available for pick-up at the Black Bear Café parking lot. Please check with the Black Bear Café (705-246-7820) or the Lions Club (705-971-0997) as days and times vary weekly.

If you are looking for other credible up-to-date information related to Covid-19, please visit the following sites:

Ministry of Health

<https://www.ontario.ca/page/2019-novel-coronavirus>

Public Health Ontario

<https://www.publichealthontario.ca/en/diseases-and-conditions/infectious-diseases/respiratory-diseases/novel-coronavirus>

Public Health Agency of Canada

<https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/diseases/2019-novel-coronavirus-infection.html>

World Health Organization

<https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019>