



Thank You for doing your part to keep yourself and others safe from COVID-19

As we write this, the world is in the grip of concerns about COVID-19 (coronavirus).

The Province of Nova Scotia has declared a state of emergency and has called on each and everyone of us to do our part.



Everyone's health and safety depends on each of us following the directives of the Chief Medical Officer, our Premier and our Prime Minister:

- ✚ stay home,
- ✚ drive for essential supplies only,
- ✚ one person per household should do shopping
- ✚ stay 2 metres (or 6 feet) from others when outside your home

- ✚ if you go outside to walk for exercise, maintain the proper social distancing
- ✚ Self-isolate for 14 days if you have been out of the country.

Self-isolating means you don't go anywhere (not even for a walk). If you have the virus, it also means that you stay in a room that is away from family members, if possible.

The Town of Oxford is working diligently on its response to the coronavirus outbreak, in collaboration with the Town of Amherst, the Municipality of the County of Cumberland, and the Cumberland Regional Emergency Management Organization, to ensure the safety of employees and the public. This means making every effort to ensure the continuity of essential municipal services, while at the same time minimizing any potential spread of the virus.

The Town Hall doors are locked but business continues as the Council and staff find alternative ways to work while following social distancing rules.

Keeping you informed: The Town of Oxford **website** has information you may need on the main page and in a new COVID-19

section. We post updates on the Official face book page. For those not online, there is a **new recorded information line at 902 447-3129** for current Town of Oxford updates.

For official and updated information on the progress of COVID-19: Government of Canada Novel Coronavirus information line: toll free at 1-833-784-4397 or <https://novascotia.ca/CoronaVirus/#protect>.

April is Volunteer Month: Congratulations to Oxford's Volunteers of the Year

Al and Maxine Clarke have been chosen as the **Representative Volunteers of the Year for the Town of Oxford**. A sincere **thank you, Al and Maxine**, for all that you do.

Did you Know?

The Oxford Area Lions Survey is online. The link is posted on their facebook page [\(www.facebook.com/oxfordarealions/\)](http://www.facebook.com/oxfordarealions/)



Spring is here and that means clean up season.

The **Transfer Station** will remain open as long as our haulers are able to continue to remove our solid waste. Please remember to stay 2 metres (or 6 feet) from others when leaving garbage, compost and disposables.



All property owners are encouraged to tidy their properties, pick up garbage and ensure their yards don't attract rodents and pests. Pride in our homes, properties, and businesses reflects on all of us and makes our community more liveable, healthy, and attractive.



Please Don't Flush Wipes!



Cancelled:

April 25 - 26: Oxford Poetry Festival. The Poetry Committee will explore other ways to bring uplifting poetry and positive messaging to the public during Poetry Month. Please follow the *Oxford Poetry at Large* face book page.

The saying, **“This too shall pass”**, is believed to have originated with medieval Persian Sufi poets.

Happy Poetry Month!



Don't Forget:

New federal government programs are available to help low income families and people who are out of work due to COVID-19.

Relief programs are also available for businesses affected by this pandemic.

Message from your Mayor and Town Council

I know that these are very uncertain times for our town. I want to assure you that the safety and wellbeing of the residents of Oxford is of utmost importance to our Council. As a town, we are following the recommendations of the NS Health Authority, and the Government of Canada in the interest of protecting the health of those around us. **The Council and the staff of the Town of Oxford are prepared.**

At this time, **all our recreation programs have been suspended until further notice.** The Capitol Theatre, as well as the Oxford Pioneer Heritage Club **will not be opening their doors to the public until the threat has passed.** Sadly, we currently have no time frame. As of now, our Transfer station **IS** open for regular hours.

Each and every one of us must do our part by practicing social distancing. I cannot stress enough, that **if you have travelled outside of Canada in the last two weeks, you need to self-quarantine for at least 14 days.** The majority of cases that have been detected in Nova Scotia are

coming from people that have travelled outside of the country, although that is now changing. **We need to slow the spread of this virus and ensure safety for all.** Please, let us take care of ourselves and each other as we follow these recommendations, and get through this together. **Stay home if you can.** Please safely check on elderly family members and neighbors, as well as those with underlying health conditions. These groups are the most vulnerable for serious illness from Covid-19.

Our local business community will experience negative effects of so many shutdowns. I encourage you where possible, now and in the future, to support our local businesses through the purchase of gift certificates, use of delivery services, or shopping for essentials while practicing social distancing.

We are going to have to hunker down for a while, and we are going to have to change the way that we do things as residents and as a town. **We will strive to provide you all the latest information via social media.** If that is not an option for you, you can call the Town Hall at 902 447-3129 for an **up to date recording.**

If you could, take a moment today and thank a frontline worker. This is so important. We depend on them immensely to get us through all of this, and they do not have the choice to stay home. **Thank you, Thank you, Thank you!**

In closing, I am proud of our town residents and our businesses. We are working together to prevent, prepare, and respond to this unprecedented event. I am witnessing acts of kindness and good deeds on a daily basis. **Thank you to all of the volunteers who continue to give, help, and just be there.**

We've got this.....**Oxford Proud!**

*Mayor Trish and
Oxford Town Council*



“Courage, dear heart”
C.S. Lewis