

CLOSED: Kawartha Conservation shuts its doors to the public

SCUGOG — [Kawartha Conservation](#) has shut its doors to the public amid coronavirus concerns, but will continue to provide essential services.

The conservation authority, which oversees watershed monitoring for the bulk of Scugog Township, [announced its modified services](#) due to COVID-19 on March 18.

“Our commitment to the health and wellbeing of the public and our staff is paramount as we continue to address the impacts of coronavirus (COVID-19),” said Kawartha Conservation in a press release. “We have implemented a number of precautions while we closely monitor guidance from the federal and provincial governments, our local health unit and in concert with our municipal partners.”

Effective immediately, the Kawartha Conservation administrative office at [277 Kenrei Rd. in Lindsay](#) has been closed to the public. But, stressed the conservation authority, essential services will continue operating as normal — such as the agency’s flood forecasting and warning program that helps keep people and property safe from flooding.

Other services are continuing as well, including planning, permitting and Drinking Water Source Protection programs. That work is largely being carried out remotely and conservation authority officials are encouraging digital submissions of applications.

Kawartha Conservation is recommending the public either call or email questions or concerns.

Conservation areas also remain open to the public as the [Ken Reid Conservation Area](#) and off-leash dog park as well as [Windy Ridge](#) and [Durham East Cross Forest](#) conservation areas have year-round access.

All non-essential meetings and events are cancelled; all education programs have been postponed.

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