

# Kawartha Lakes service levels following regional reopening



Kawartha Lakes – The City of Kawartha Lakes is updating its services to the public, following [the province's Stage 2 announcement and regional reopening effective June 12](#). While we remain in a state of emergency, the health and safety of residents and staff remains top priority and the City is committed to continuing a slow and steady approach to reopening. City buildings remain closed to the public at this time, but there are a variety of updates to services.

In line with the province, residents are permitted to gather in groups of no more than 10. A physical distance of 2 meters (6 feet) must still be maintained at all times and buildings are not allowed a capacity of over 30 per cent.

## Waste and Recycling

All landfills across the municipality will be open in the coming weeks, as public access and regular service is being extended to Laxton and Somerville landfills on the following dates:

- Laxton-Digby-Longford (Norland) – June 14
- Somerville (Burnt River) – July 3

The Lindsay, Fenelon Falls and Eldon landfills are currently open with regular service.

## Lindsay Transit

Effective June 14, [Lindsay Transit will resume full services](#), including regular hours of operation.

## Public Library

Effective June 3, the [Kawartha Lakes Public Library began offering pickup and dropoff service](#) at the Lindsay and Fenelon Falls branches. The Library will look to expand its pickup service to additional branches in the coming weeks.

## Parks, Recreation and Culture

All parks and recreational amenities remain closed at this time, however walkthrough access is permitted at parks and trails with physical distancing in place. City staff are currently taking the necessary steps to begin opening park and recreational facilities safely in the coming weeks and more specific detail on openings will be provided soon.

Please be advised there will also be an increased presence of local law enforcement at parks and public spaces to ensure physical distancing measures are being followed, including ATVs on the Victoria Rail Trail.

### **Staffing and Resources**

To support the services coming back online, over a third of staff that were laid off due to the pandemic have been called back to work and further redeployments will continue in the coming weeks.

### **Support Local**

The municipality would also like to acknowledge that many businesses in Kawartha Lakes are now open, including restaurant patios, shopping malls and hair salons. Residents now have more options to support our local businesses and economy, whether its enjoying a patio, visiting a Farmer's Market or shopping in one of our vibrant downtowns.

### **Stay Safe**

As we begin to see restrictions gradually lifted, please keep in mind that we are still in a state of emergency and we are all required to continue following the necessary protocols and safety measures. Services will be monitored closely and restrictions or closures could be reinstated if the municipality sees an increase in risk.

### **Staying Connected**

The municipality continues to post updates to [www.kawarthalakes.ca/COVID-19](http://www.kawarthalakes.ca/COVID-19). Visit the webpage for the latest updates on closures, meeting cancellations and changes to services.

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