

COUNTLESS SPECIAL OCCASIONS ON HOLD

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"I'm anxiously looking forward to the day when we can introduce Link to people in person," added Sikorski.

Celebrating the milestone of marriage has also become much more challenging now, as Janice Beaty and her fiancé Paul Frank can attest to. Their wedding is slated for April 30 — an event they're forging ahead with, but in a way that looks very different from their original plans.

"We're hoping to have a tripod set up in our front yard, and livestream the ceremony on Facebook," explained Beaty.

The Burlington couple had intended to marry at Spencer's, with about 50 of their relatives and friends in attendance to celebrate the special moment.

"Originally, with social gatherings limited to 50, we thought we were OK," she said. "But when the number (of people allowed at a wedding) was dropped to five, that obviously created a problem

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- Janice Beaty

for Paul and I."

Now, their front yard wedding will be attended by an officiant and two witnesses, with the couple floating the idea of having a few close friends and family do a drive-by during the ceremony.

"We hope to say hello to everyone, maintaining social distancing, while our guests are in their cars," added Beaty. "The plan, right now, is to reschedule the larger celebration for a later date."



Nikki Wesley/Torstar

Janice Beaty and Paul Frank will now be getting married in their front yard and livestreaming it for family and friends due to the pandemic.

Fortunately Beaty got her dress and marriage licence before widespread closures began, but Frank wasn't quite so lucky,

with his tuxedo rental being cancelled. Their honeymoon has also been called off.

"Paul is trying to order a black suit with a bow tie, and hoping it gets delivered by our wedding date," said Beaty. "We're trying to roll with the punches. It's been a very stressful time."

Social distancing has also had a major impact on local residents grieving the loss of a loved one, with funerals and visitations limited to a maximum of 10 people, and guests asked to maintain two metres between each person.

If someone lost their life to COVID-19, or is suspected to have had the virus, their loved ones are also not allowed to hug or touch the body, explained David Brazeau of the Bereavement Authority of Ontario.

"This is a real hardship on grieving families that is necessary to minimize the spread of the virus," he said.

Some funerals and cremations are being conducted online through video services, he noted.

ServiceOntario is continuing to process birth and death certificates during the pandemic, but said there may be some delays.

The government agency recommends people file for these documents online as many of their offices are currently closed. In Halton, the only centres that remain open are 2800 Highpoint Dr., Milton and 220 North Service Rd. W., Oakville.

Marriage licences, which are valid for 90 days, are processed at the municipal level. With Burlington, Oakville, Milton and Halton Hills town halls all closed, marriage licences are not being issued in Halton at the moment. The municipalities are asking residents to contact them closer to their intended wedding date to see if their offices have reopened.

Oakville and Burlington officials have reached out to the province to discuss potential alternatives, with Burlington staff asking for legislation amendments that would permit electronic signatures and documentation for marriage licences.

STORY BEHIND THE STORY: We reached out to local residents to learn more about how their major life events are being impacted by the pandemic.

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