



To all Malahide Residents.

The COVID-19 response is having an impact on all of us, in our community. Malahide is taking the situation seriously and following the guidance of our public health officials locally and the directions given at the provincial and federal levels.

Mayor Dave Mennill has been travelling out of the country and is therefore following current guidelines regarding his return and the need for self-isolation. I would reiterate the importance and requirement of Canadians who have travelled outside of Canada to self-isolate.

Our Municipality has activated our Emergency Control Group (ECG), made up of myself, the CAO, and senior staff. The ECG is in constant communication with our neighbouring municipalities, coordinating agencies, and the province. We are being proactive and responsive to new direction our partners provide.

There are adaptations, and yes some disruptions, to how our Municipality must operate given the current COVID-19 reality. Here are the most important changes for all residents to know:

- Although we have closed access to the Township Office to the public, we are still hard at work!!
- The majority of our services continue to be available and can be provided over the phone 519.773.5344, the internet at Malahide.ca, or via our drop-off box.
- If you need something, call the Office and we will do our best under the circumstances. We are here for you.

These measures are to slow the spread of COVID-19 in Ontario and we ALL need to take this seriously. We must practice regular, thorough hand-washing and maintain social separation when outside of the home.

I do want to point out that social distancing doesn't mean that you must spend all of your time in your house. You can still take a walk outdoors, go to the park, or walk your dog. There is still a lot you can do to stay active, healthy and safe while enjoying the outdoors in Malahide and throughout the County.

If you need groceries or medication, go to the store or pharmacy. Just avoid crowds and maintain a distance of about 2 metres (6 feet) from those around you. If you are in a public area, remember to practise hand hygiene and sneeze or cough into your sleeve or a tissue.

Malahide is a community of neighbours. I know many of you are reaching out to each other already, running errands for one another, helping with childcare, preparing meals. That is the spirit of Malahide, let's keep that up.

Our health care system must be protected from becoming overwhelmed. Please do your part by staying informed through the [Southwestern Public Health website](#), or the [Malahide website](#) for local updates.

Do not hesitate to reach out to Council or to Staff if you have questions. We are here to help.

I sincerely thank you for your cooperation.

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