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Township of Wellesley extends municipal program and facility cancellations to June 30, 2020

(Crosshill, Ont. – April 15, 2020) The Township of Wellesley, in collaboration with local municipalities, have agreed to cancel all spring indoor and outdoor municipal recreation programs throughout the Region, up to and including June 30, 2020.

In addition to these program cancellations, all municipal cultural, recreational and leisure facilities in local municipalities including recreation facilities, community centres, arenas, pools and sports fields will remain closed through to June 30, 2020.

This decision is designed to help flatten the curve by helping to break the chain of transmission of COVID- 19 and to provide certainty to potential registrants for the spring season. This announcement is further to the media release issued April 13, 2020 regarding the postponement/ cancellation of all large events on municipal property up to and including June 30, 2020.

As a result of these extended facility closures, any third-party programs, events or activities scheduled to take place in these facilities will need to be postponed or cancelled. We have been working with users of our facilities, including sports groups, to make these decisions on a collaborative basis. We anticipate that, by making this decision today, volunteer program organizers will have greater certainty as they plan for the upcoming season.

We will continually review this decision in conjunction with direction from the province and guidance from the Region of Waterloo's Acting Medical Officer of Health to determine if we can open earlier or if a further extension will be required. We are hopeful that circumstances will improve such that earlier reopenings will be possible for at least some of these facilities.

The Region and area municipalities continue to monitor the situation and will re-evaluate if necessary.

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