

Message from Our Mayor

We are aware of the impact that COVID-19 is having on our community. This is a difficult time for our residents, businesses and organizations. As we know, the information about COVID-19 is evolving regularly. It is important, as we seek to protect ourselves, our loved ones and our community that we are following the guidelines as provided by our Provincial and Federal Government Agencies. As a municipality, we will receive information directly from these agencies and continue to follow their directives.

As a local government our primary function is to ensure continuation of operations and essential services (water, sewer, waste collection, snow clearing, etc.), share verified information with our community, take measures to protect our first responders, and ensure we reduce risk for staff and Councillors. We will continue to consult with local partners to understand the short and long term impacts of this outbreak on their operations, and respond to any requests.

We are pleased to see the extra measures that the local businesses within our communities are taking to protect us and their employees. These measures are important so that they can continue to provide us with these essential services. We encourage everyone to continue taking extra precautions to ensure everyone's safety. The best recommendation to stop any potential spread of the virus is to just **STAY HOME**, only go out for essential items. If you do have to go out please follow the social distancing recommendations. We know this is especially hard during this time of year but we all need to do our part. The extent and impact of COVID-19 is unknown, we can only take it one day at a time and hope that everyone follows the directives of these agencies to ensure everyone's safety.

So please take care of yourself first and foremost and then look out for others in the community. It is still cold and influenza season so if you are sick at all, just stay home if possible. We'll all feel better if you do.

Connect with your neighbours that are perhaps more vulnerable due to age or who are immune compromised, or following quarantine orders, to see what you can do to help. Fetch their groceries, prescriptions, or mail as a helping hand. We encourage you to drop these items at their door to reduce their risk as well as yours.

None of us know how this is going to evolve for our community, but many of our local businesses could find it tough going over the next weeks and months. So when and where you can, please support your local businesses.

We'd also like to thank those working in essential service areas for all your hard work to make sure life remains as safe and normal as possible for all of us.

The Town Office is currently **CLOSED** to the public for the safety of the staff, Council and residents. If you need to contact the office please call 458-2896, email info@norrisspoint.ca.

If you would like to make payments, your options are:

- 1) *Mail Cheque or money order to: Town of Norris Point*
- 2) *Email Transfer to: info@norrisspoint.ca Please make sure to send an email advising the account (property civic address) in order for staff to apply the funds properly.*
- 3) *Contact the Town Office and provide credit card details.*

ALL meetings, training and/or public gatherings of Council, Fire Department, Recreation or any other Committees are **POSTPONED** until further notice.

All Municipal buildings and the playground will be closed until further notice.

For anyone having non-medical issues or concerns regarding self-isolation, please call the Canadian Red Cross COVID-19 help line at 1-800-863-6582, available 8:00am to 8:00pm daily.

For Mental Health Support visit www.bridgethegapp.ca or call 1-855-753-2560

For medical advice and recommendations please visit:

Government of Canada COVID-19

Information: <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/diseases/2019-novel-coronavirus-infection.html>.

The Government of Newfoundland and Labrador has declared a Public Health Emergency. For more information about what this means, please see here: www.gov.nl.ca/covid-19.

If you are symptomatic, please stay isolated use the COVID-19 811 Self-Assessment tool, here: www.811healthline.ca/covid-19-self-assessment. You will receive further advice after using the self-assessment tool.

WRWM

WRWM wishes to advise the general public that the Long Range transfer stations will be closed to residential drop off until further notice.

Commercial/Municipal waste collection received from curb side will not be affected.

Come Home Year 2020

Regretfully the 2020 Come Home Year has been postponed until July 9-18, 2021

Trails, Tales & Tunes Festival

The 2020 edition of the 14th annual Trails Tales Tunes Festival (TTT) will be cancelled this year due to concerns surrounding the outbreak of the coronavirus, COVID-19.

The committee would like to give a huge THANK YOU to the supporters and funding partners as well as all the volunteers, artists and locals who make this an unforgettable festival year after year!