

# VILLAGE OF POINT EDWARD COVID-19 UPDATE: Mayor's Message, June 2, 2020



The Village of Point Edward's response to the COVID-19 pandemic continues to evolve based on orders issued by the provincial and federal government and the latest information from Lambton Public Health. Please monitor the [Village's website](#) and Facebook Page for updated information as things are changing quickly. Your safety and security remains our top priority.

## Sarnia Transit to Resume Collecting Fares on June 15, 2020



Beginning Monday, June 15, Sarnia Transit will resume collecting fares from Transit users. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the standard \$3.00 fare has been reduced to \$1.50, which passengers will be required to pay every time they board a bus. No Transfers will be issued to minimize physical interaction. All transit fare prices are listed on the [City's website](#), along with pro-rated pass prices for June 2020.

## Collection of Bulk Items Resumes in Point Edward

Beginning this week, bulk items such as furniture and household appliances will be picked up at the curb on regularly scheduled garbage collection dates: Tuesdays year round and Fridays from June 1–September 30. Refrigeration units must have doors removed and units must be purged and visibly tagged by a licensed technician. Additional garbage collection information can be found on the back of your Village calendar.

## COVID-19 Assessments Broadly Available for Sarnia-Lambton Residents

COVID-19 testing is now available to all Sarnia-Lambton residents who would like to be tested, regardless of symptoms. Please note that the test can only tell if you have COVID-19 at the time of the test and will not tell you if you had COVID-19 in the past. A [list of assessment centres](#) can be found on Bluewater Health's website.

The assessment centres in Sarnia and Petrolia now offer drive-through testing. For more information on this option, please visit <https://www.bluewaterhealth.ca/news/drive-through-testing-comes-to-sarnia-lambton>.

## Second Aerial Spray Date for Gypsy Moth Control Scheduled for June 5

The City of Sarnia has announced that the second aerial spray date for the Gypsy Moth Control Program has been scheduled for Friday, June 5, 2020 (weather permitting). Application will occur between 5:00 a.m.–8:00 a.m. Please visit [Sarnia's website](#) for more information.

## Appointment Required for Municipal Office Visits

The Point Edward Municipal Office is open by appointment only at this time. If you require assistance, please call 519-337-3021. If we cannot resolve your request by phone, we will schedule you an appointment to visit the office. All visitors will be required to complete a screening questionnaire prior to entering the office.

## Ontario Announces Continued Support for Electricity Consumers

The Ontario government has extended the suspension of time-of-use pricing to provide consumers with greater stability and predictability for electricity bills. A fixed electricity price, known as the COVID-19 Recovery Rate, of 12.8 cents per kWh will be automatically applied to all time-of-use customers 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, from June 1–October 31, 2020. The COVID-19 Recovery Rate of 12.8¢/kWh is based on the average cost of electricity, set by the Ontario Energy Board, and will allow consumers greater flexibility to use electricity when they need it without paying on-peak and mid-peak prices.

A disconnection ban remains in place until the end of July.



## Backcountry Camping Available at Ontario Parks and on Crown Land

As of June 1, backcountry camping is available at Ontario Parks. To comply with provincial restrictions, no more than five people will be allowed to occupy a backcountry campsite unless they live in the same household.

Ontario Parks has also expanded day-use activities to include picnicking and off-leash pet areas. As of June 1, fees will be collected for day-use and backcountry camping access. Please visit [Ontario parks](#) and click on the "Fees" tab to find out more. Advanced reservations or registrations will be required at most of the 20 operating provincial parks that are offering backcountry camping.

The closure of all other overnight camping and some day-use activities at provincial parks and conservation reserves has been extended to June 14 and will continue to be reassessed. All buildings and facilities including campgrounds, roofed accommodations, visitor centers, park stores, playgrounds, and beaches remain closed. Some washroom facilities may be available.

Ontario has also reopened recreational camping on Crown land managed by the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry. For more information about camping and other recreational activities allowed on Crown land, please visit <https://www.ontario.ca/page/recreational-activities-on-crown-land>.

Our diligent adherence to public health measures has helped to flatten the curve and slow the spread of COVID-19 in our community, readying us for a gradual reopening. Let's continue the physical distancing and healthy practices to support the safety and success of our first stage of reopening.

– Mayor Bev Hand