

VILLAGE OF POINT EDWARD
COVID-19 UPDATE:
Mayor's Message, August 13, 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.

Provincial Funding Announced for Local Arts and Tourism Industries

An investment of \$350,000 to help the regional Southwestern Ontario Tourism Corporation deliver locally driven marketing programs to entice Ontarians to explore their local communities was announced Tuesday morning at Sarnia Bay Marina by Minister of Heritage, Sport, Tourism and Culture Lisa MacLeod. More details about how the money will be spent will be released in the coming weeks, according to Tourism Sarnia-Lambton Executive Director Mark Perrin.

Provincial funding totalling \$160,000 for local arts and tourism enterprises has been provided since the pandemic began.

Ontario Providing Emergency Funding for Municipalities

The Ontario government, in partnership with the federal government, will provide up to \$1.6 billion in the first round of emergency funding under the Safe Restart Agreement. This funding will help municipalities protect the health and well-being of the people of Ontario, while continuing to deliver critical public services, such as public transit and shelters, as the province continues down the path of renewal, growth and economic recovery. Point Edward's share of the first phase of this emergency funding is \$58,900, with an additional \$23,240 to support transit operations.

The Safe Restart Agreement provides a total of up to \$4 billion in funding to the province's 444 municipalities and 110 public transit providers.

Road Closures in Point Edward

The work requiring the closure of Lite Street since Monday has been completed and the road will be reopening the afternoon of August 13. Services were being installed for Sarnia Produce's new store, which will be an exciting addition to the Village when it opens later this year. Venetian Boulevard remains closed where flooding issues exist. The Village and Lambton County are collaborating to determine the best way to resolve the issue and complete the complex repair that is needed to safely reopen the road.

As a result of these detours, Front Street traffic has increased. Concerns have been raised about some drivers not respecting the posted speed limits. Motorists are reminded to slow down and share the road with other vehicles and cyclists.

While we all attempt to cope with the changes in our lives and routines, and the continued uncertainty in dealing with this unprecedented situation, please remember to be kind. If you have a concern about something in our community, call the municipal office, but please keep in mind that staff do not make the rules. They will answer your questions and try to assist you, so please be respectful, patient, and considerate. We appreciate your cooperation! – **Mayor Bev Hand**