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We are all experiencing a change in lifestyle, or we should be. It is important at this time to mind the public health warnings about staying home unless you have to go out. Keep cleaning your hands and note that many businesses have sanitizer on their counters. The most effective way to do so is to wash your hands with soap and water. Remember it is not just a case of whether you will get the virus, it means that you could become a carrier of the virus and pass it on to those you care about.

As most government and organizations have done, the Wahta Administration business is being looked after by just the essential workers for the time being. Regular ongoing programs have been halted as are ongoing projects. These will be reassessed in two weeks.

Today in the Wahta Community

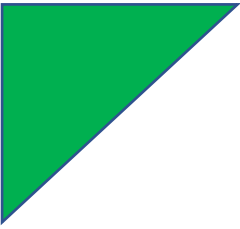
The **Meals on Wheels** program that was previously announced suspended will roll out with the opportunity for recipients to receive more meals per week if desired. What A Convenience and Bakery is donating and preparing the first week of meals. Following this it is expected that the staff at the Administration centre will continue as before.

The Good Food Box and the Family Food Box were suspended. Staff are investigating alternative sources to determine if we can continue this program.

Daily wellness checks with the vulnerable population are continuing daily or as requested. The availability of wellness check phone calls from the staff should occur on weekends as well or as requested by the recipient. Community members should call in if they are voluntarily quarantined or have been ordered into isolation by the medical community.

The **main phone line (705-762-2354)** at the administration centre is attended by staff. Any requests will be taken by staff and forwarded to the appropriate department.

With the delay in the general election, Wahta Council will not be conducting any new business, however there is a limited role to play. Councillors are signing authorities and will be called upon to execute cheques if necessary. Council will also be kept informed of the activities of the Emergency Control Group as things develop and may be required to authorize extraordinary expenditures. Council will convene weekly as usual through teleconference, and email, updates will be provided to them. Much of the administrations work is on hold at this time so only essential duties will be required.



COVID-19
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Update from the Chief

As we all receive daily reports on new cases in Ontario and Canada, please do not get impatient if things do not slow down overnight. With the measures taken such as no restaurants, bars, gatherings, sports events, theaters, etc. it will take a couple of weeks to see any improvements.

The Emergency Control Group is focussed on providing more information about COVID-19 and will be providing information on the virus and ongoing developments.

If you have any questions or concerns please call in to reception or email info@wahtamohawks.com

Nia:wen for your attention to this matter

Chief Philip Franks
