

City Response

COVID-19 Pandemic

July 28, 2020

CAO Update to Council



Provincial State of Emergency

- Declared provincial emergency on March 17, 2020
- Provincial State of Emergency (SoE) ended July 24
- Province passed the *Reopening Ontario Act* (ROA) to provide flexibility to address the ongoing risks and effects of the COVID-19 outbreak:
 - extends Orders in effect under the *Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act* (EMCPA) as of July 24 for an additional 30 days
 - Allows further extensions of Orders under the ROA for up to 30 days at a time, and certain amendments
 - No new orders can be created under the ROA

Provincial Emergency Orders

- Released “A Framework for Reopening our Province” (April 27, 2020)
- Announced Stage 3 re-openings of some services in certain health unit districts inclusive of CKL (effective July 17)
- Most businesses and services can open in Stage 3, subject to compliance with varying health protocols and occupancy limitations
- Indoor gathering limits increased to maximum 50 people, outdoor gathering limits increased to maximum 100 people
- Childcare centres permitted to increase children attendance (effective July 27)

Local State of Emergency

- Mayor declared local SoE March 24, 2020
- Local SoE ended July 24, 2020 concurrent with Provincial SoE
- HKPR District Health Unit (HU) informing protocols, details and approvals for various Stage 3 openings
- Mandatory masks in commercial establishments effective July 13, updated July 17 to apply to all places of business or facilities that are indoors and open to the public during Stage 3

Local Service Provision (July)

- Somerville landfill opened July 3
- Phase 1 Court re-openings effective July 6
- Outdoor playgrounds and play structures and equipment opened July 17
- Lindsay Recreation Centre pools opened July 20 by registration
- Library curb side pick-up service expanded by an additional 6 branches the week of July 20 by appointment
- Permitting of certain playing fields and ball diamonds began July 24, and subject to demand and efficiency

Local Service Provision (August)

- Fitness classes at Lindsay Recreation Centre beginning August 10, Gym (fitness equipment) to open August 31, by registration
- Lindsay Arena (ice pads) to open August 17 subject to demand
- Arena Halls (Fenelon Falls, Emily/Omemee, Little Britain and Lindsay) to open August 4 for bookings
- Targeting 1-2 multi-function service centres to potentially open later in August/early September (under review)

Local Service Provision (September/October)

- Fenelon Falls, Emily/Omemee, and Little Britain Arenas (ice pads) to reopen in September, subject to demand
- Woodville and Manvers Arenas to open in September/October, subject to additional demand
- Provincial Offences in-person court matters remain closed until at least September 11
- Community Halls remain closed, to review demand and feasibility of openings beginning later in August, in consultation with Volunteer Management Committees, Staff and Health Unit
- Armoury remains closed until at least September 1 for support field hospital (if necessary)
- City Administration Buildings remain closed to the public

CKL Municipal Recovery

- Federal/Provincial Safe Restart partnership funding to municipal recovery being finalized, announced \$4B in one-time emergency assistance to all Ontario municipalities over the next 6-8 months
- Shared funding targeting, among other things, municipal operating relief, transit, social services and public health
- We continue to target 2020 year-end “break even” budget
- \$2.5M deficit currently forecasted:
 - \$4.5M in reduced revenues forecasted to year-end
 - \$3.3M in reduced expenses already achieved
 - \$500K in increased expenses directly attributed to pandemic
 - 2020 Council-directed budget efficiencies of approximately \$700K required

Next Steps

- Continue to track and comply with all provincial orders
- Planning for service delivery up to Thanksgiving, with a “slow and steady” approach
- Corporate and service delivery reductions will continue into the Fall, with public and staff H&S top priority
- “Zero-deficit” target for our 2020 budget