

City Response

COVID-19 Pandemic: CAO Update to Council

February 9, 2021

Response

- Declared provincial emergency on March 17, 2020
- Declared local emergency on March 24, 2020
- Both these States of Emergency ended July 24, 2020
- Province declared a second State of Emergency on January 12, 2021 – terminates on February 9, 2021
- Many Orders under the *Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act* (EMPCA) remain in effect until at least February 23, 2021
- Province-wide shutdown order effective December 26, 2020 and in effect in KL until February 16, 2021
- Province issued Stay-at-Home order effective January 13, 2021 – in effect in KL until February 16, 2021
- Province established a revised *COVID-19 Response Framework – Keeping Ontario Safe and Open* to guide reopening post shutdown



Response

- Effective February 16, 2021, this Framework, as revised, will guide local service and decisions in KL
- Based on current public health indicators and thresholds, the HKPR District Health Unit is trending within the “Orange – Restrict” category



Response

- CKL Emergency Operations Centre (EOC) remains active
- Ongoing and active communications with HKPR District Health Unit
- Provincial Offences Office facilitated resumption of audio/video court appearances effective February 2, 2021
- Curbside library services remain open, public access to Lindsay and Fenelon Falls branches suspended
- Council, Board, Committee and Advisory Committee meetings ongoing – currently electronic only, resume some member in-person attendance effective February 16
- All municipal buildings remain closed to the public, including administration, service centers, arenas, community centers, pools and fitness facilities
- Landfill sites and transit services remain operational and accessible to the public, with restrictions

Response

- In response to provincial orders and directives, some services were suspended in 2021, resulting in 96 temporary layoffs in January 2021
- Some staff redeployments continue, technology-based access to service and administrative functionality remains
- Most of our over 200 programs and services across all city departments remain operational, with restrictions



Response - Service Considerations

Arena Ice Use – Re-opening on Tuesday, February 16

- Current ice rentals/contracts will be honoured. Minor Groups with a current contract requesting additional ice time will be considered.
- No new rentals/contracts will be issued for the remainder of this ice season (March 31).
- Masks are mandatory in all areas of these facilities except for on-ice activity.
- Zero tolerance for violating COVID-19 protocols remains.

Response - Service Considerations

Pools – Re-open Monday, February 22 (Based on HU approval and staffing availability)

- Limited access to pool area based on capacity restrictions.
- Aquatic lessons cancelled. Spring session will be offered if restrictions allow (April).
- Public swim programming will be offered. Pre-registration for each event is required.
- Masks are mandatory in all areas except for in-water activity.
- No new rentals/contracts will be issued for the remainder of this session.

Fitness Centres – Re-open Monday, February 22 (Based on staffing availability)

- Limited access to weight room, cardio and group fitness areas based on capacity restrictions.
- Pre-registration for time slot is required.
- Masks are mandatory in all non-exercise areas.

Response - Service Considerations

Community Hall Use – Re-open Tuesday, February 16

- Current hall rentals/contracts will be honoured.
- New hall contracts will only be issued to Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit residents.
- Limit of 10 people permitted for indoor events.
- Masks are mandatory in all areas of the facility.

Service Centers – Re-open Lindsay, Coboconk and Omemee Service Centres on Tuesday, February 16, with restrictions

Libraries – Limited in-person service resumes Tuesday February 16 at Lindsay, Fenelon Falls and Omemee branches, all others open for pick-up service.

Response and Recovery

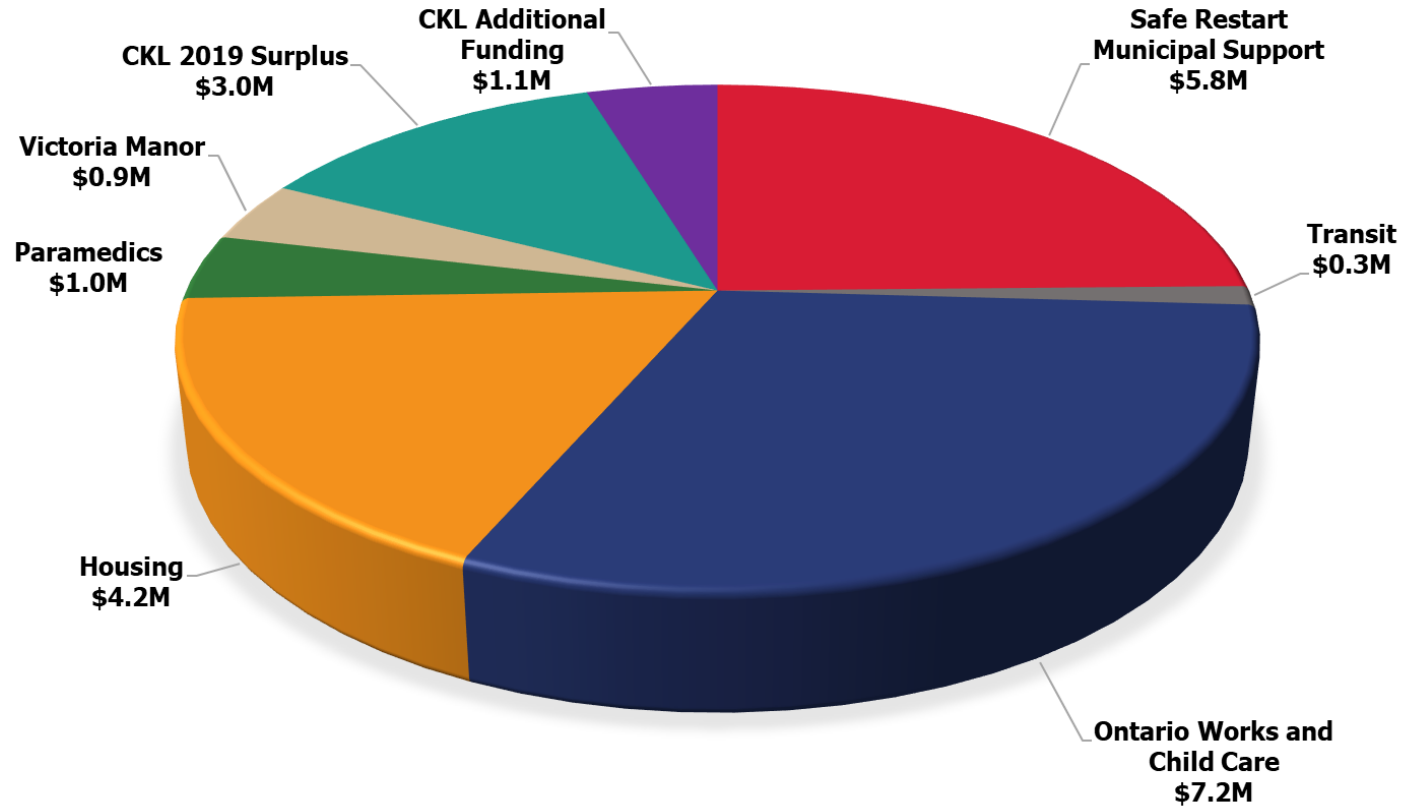
- While we focus on public safety and minimizing service disruptions, we continue to review how our services are delivered
- We targeted and accomplished a 2020 year-end “break even” budget through cost containment and service changes
- We continue to focus in the immediate term on response, and delivering or launching various recovery efforts
- Several economic development programs and supports actively supporting business recovery (Digital Mainstreet program and Shop Kawartha Lakes campaign, for example)

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Recovery



- The City has shifted funding and invested significantly in various economic and community recovery efforts – totaling over \$23 Million so far