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## Zorra COVID-19 Update #3

### NEWS

The Mayor, Deputy Mayor and members of senior staff continue to participate in a daily teleconference with Southwestern Public Health and member municipalities from Oxford and Elgin counties. As well, a conference call will be held daily with all Township staff and members of Council to continue a flow of information to all.

In order to ensure business continuity and to make staff available for customer appointments, the Township divided its workforce into two groups that work on alternating days. In addition, the two Public Works Shops will remain isolated from one another in case of infection in one Shop.

Those staff members working from home on alternating have been provided tools to remain accessible through phone and email to members of the public. Staff can be reached at 519-485.2490 at the extension listed beside their name.

<b>Group A</b>	<b>Group B</b>
Don MacLeod, CAO, Ext. 7226	Karen Martin, Director of Corporate Services, Ext. 7228
Kelly Hall, Tax Collector, Ext. 7222	Maureen Simmons, Director of Finance, Ext. 7225
Lisa Teeple, Executive Assistant/Records Management Coordinator, Ext. 7231	Jenna Belleau, Financial Assistant, Ext. 7221
Mike Hughes, Chief Building Official/Drainage Superintendent, Ext. 7224	Matt Paul, Building Inspector/By-law Enforcement Officer, Ext. 7230
Stephanie Starchuck, Recreation Program Coordinator, Ext. 7223	Matt Brown, Recreation and Facilities Manager, Ext. 7243
John McFarlan, Fire Chief, Ext. 7240	Steve Oliver, Director of Public Works, Ext. 7227

Group A will be in the Office Wednesday and Friday this week and Tuesday, Thursday next week.

Group B will be in the Office Thursday this week and Monday, Wednesday and Friday next week.

As a reminder, entry to the Municipal Office will be by appointment only. All recreation facilities are closed to the public until further notice.

Anyone who wishes to conduct in-person business is advised to phone 519-485-2490 and discuss their needs with a customer service representative. Callers will be directed to online services if available, or offered other options as appropriate.

If staff deem that an in-person visit to a Township Office is required, callers will be asked questions regarding their travel and health history prior to booking an appointment. Visitors with confirmed appointments should be prepared to show identification upon arrival.

The Township is also implementing enhanced cleaning and hygiene measures at all Township facilities. In addition, staff who have travelled internationally recently will be requested to self-quarantine.

The Township recognizes that these changing service levels may present a challenge to some citizens, however we would not take this action if we did not believe it was in the best interest of the community.

## **BACKGROUND**

Located in the heart of southwestern Ontario, Zorra Township has a population of approximately 8,400 people in a rural/urban setting. The Township comprises several rural clusters and two serviced villages. Zorra's vision is for a vibrant, prosperous, engaged and environmentally conscious community that evokes pride in residents for its accomplishments and continuing resilience as it forges the future.

## **MEDIA CONTACT**

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