

COVID-19 Community Resource Guide

County of Huron
Planning & Development

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This Community Resource Guide is a brief consolidation of practices, procedures, and subsequent information related to the Corporation of the County of Huron and its response to COVID-19, which may be subject to future revisions.

The compilation is for convenient administrative purposes. The most current version or any legal interpretation of the documents herein should be verified with the respective departments.

CAO's Message

As we work through the uncertainty that COVID-19 has delivered, please be assured that we are committed to being both responsive and responsible, and navigating through these times with the safety and wellbeing of County of Huron staff and Huron County residents as our top priority.

We, at the County, are committed to maintaining our core service delivery throughout this period. We will continue to provide social supports to our residents and resources to local businesses who are impacted by the pandemic outbreak.

The following Community Resource Guide has been designed to guide you through the adjustments made to some of our regular County operations and services in response to COVID-19.

We recognize, and are grateful for, the important actions and sacrifices that all Huron County residents are making during these unprecedented times.

We are all in this together, we will get through this together.

Sincerely,



Meighan Wark,
CAO

OUR VISION
A Community for Generations

OUR MISSION
We cultivate a healthy environment
for prosperous living

OUR VALUES
Integrity / Teamwork / Excellence



Contact Information

Planning & Development

www.huroncounty.ca/plandev

planning@huroncounty.ca

519-524-8394 ext. 3

Hours: Monday – Friday, 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Background

The COVID-19 pandemic is affecting many local communities and business operations. The County of Huron is continuing to provide essential supports to our residents and resources to local businesses throughout this event and will continue to do so as we transition into recovery. The safety and continued wellbeing of all County of Huron staff and Huron County residents will remain our first priority

While all County of Huron offices are closed to public access until further notice, core service delivery continues. As a result of the outbreak, the County's services and operations have adjusted according to recommendations from health authorities and other advisors. This Resource Guide will clarify what services this department is providing and how they are being provided, in light of the COVID-19 situation. Please do not hesitate to contact the department for further clarification on their services or for additional information not contained in this document.

Self-Monitoring, Self-Isolation and Physical Distancing

Physical distancing, including self-monitoring and self-isolation, are public health measures that can delay and decrease the number of cases of COVID-19 over time so to not overwhelm our healthcare system. Huron County urges all residents to practice physical distancing and proper hygiene protocols.

For current and additional information on Self-Monitoring, Self-Isolation and Physical Distancing, please visit Huron Perth Public Health at www.hpph.ca.

Huron Perth Public Health

For the most up-to-date information related to COVID-19 in Huron and Perth, visit www.hpph.ca/coronavirus.

Follow Huron Perth Public Health at
Facebook: www.facebook.com/HuronPerthPublicHealth
and Twitter: www.twitter.com/HPPublicHealth

Resources

Ministry of Health

www.ontario.ca/page/2019-novel-coronavirus

Public Health Agency of Canada - Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19): Outbreak Update

www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/diseases/2019-novel-coronavirus-infection.html

Public Health Agency of Canada - Travel Health Notices

www.travel.gc.ca/travelling/health-safety/travel-health-notices

County of Huron

www.huroncounty.ca

Huron County Planning & Development COVID-19 Impacts and Response.

Land Use Planning

The Huron County Planning and Development department is closed to the public until further notice. County Planners are continuing to provide service to the public and municipalities remotely. If you have questions about a development proposal or a consent/severance application on your property, you can call the general Planning and Development department phone number at 519-524-8394 ext. 3 or email planning@huroncounty.ca. General mail is still being received.

Please leave a message or e-mail with your name, phone number, the property address, the local municipality your property is located in and, a brief description of your proposal/question. A Planner will call you back to discuss your proposal and next steps.

New planning applications are being accepted by the County and the local municipalities. Prior to submitting a planning application, you must speak to a Planner to review the proposal and any requirements. The Planner will provide direction on how to submit an application and discuss the timelines for processing the application.

Forestry and Stewardship

Forest Conservation By-law and County Forest inquiries can be directed to forester@huroncounty.ca or 519-524-8394 ext. 3.

The Huron County forests are open for passive uses such as hiking and nature appreciation. Visitors are required to follow all COVID-19 guidelines including physical distancing during their visit.

The Huron Clean Water Project will continue to be delivered remotely through phone and email while the Maitland Valley Conservation Authority, Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority, and Huron County offices are closed to the public.

To speak with Conservation Authority Staff about the Huron Clean Water Project, please contact:

Kate Monk, Stewardship, Land & Education Manager
Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority
519-235-2610 ext. 227
kmonk@abca.ca

OR

Doug Hocking, Water Quality Specialist
Maitland Valley Conservation Authority
519-355-3557 ext. 236
dhocking@mvca.ca

Climate Change and Energy

The County is continuing to work on the development of a Corporate Climate Change Adaptation Plan. This plan will ensure that the County is prepared to deal with the future impacts of climate change. The next steps of this process involve receiving community input and moving forward with developing our corporate goals for climate adaptation. If you are interested in staying up-to-date with this project and learning more about our corporate initiatives, please visit www.huroncounty.ca/climate-change-energy.

Huron County Planning & Development FAQ

How do I have a pre-consultation meeting on a development proposal with a Planner?

If you have questions on a proposal for development or a severance on your property, you can request a pre-consultation meeting with a Planner by calling 519-524-8394 ext. 3 or emailing planning@huroncounty.ca.

Please leave a message or include in an email your name, phone number, the property address, what municipality your property is located in and a brief description of your proposal/question. Planners continue to work remotely and will call you back to discuss your proposal and next steps.

Can I submit a planning application?

Yes, applications are being accepted by the County and local municipalities. Prior to submitting a planning application, you must speak to a Planner to review the proposal and any requirements. The Planner will provide direction on how to submit an application and the timelines for processing the application.

User Guides for the various types of planning applications and additional resource materials are available on the Planning and Development department website at www.huroncounty.ca/plandev.

Any documents required to be commissioned by a Commissioner of Oaths should be done at a Law Firm at this time. It is recommended that you call the Law Firm in advance to make arrangements.

How do I submit a Notice of Intent under the County Forest Conservation By-law?

A Notice of Intent for commercial timber harvest under the Forest Conservation By-law can be filed as normal. This fillable NOI form, www.huroncounty.ca/wp-content/uploads/2016/05/NoticeofIntent-By-law38-2013-FillableForm.pdf can be printed for signing, scanned and emailed directly to forester@huroncounty.ca, faxed to 519-524-2044, or mailed to the address on the NOI form. To request paper copies by mail, please call 519-524-8394 ext. 3.

How do I get advice and apply for a stewardship project on my property through the Huron Clean Water Project?

The Huron Clean Water Project will continue to be delivered remotely through phone and email while the Maitland Valley Conservation Authority, Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority, and Huron County offices are closed. There are no site visits being done at this time. Applicants are encouraged to send photos by email so Conservation Authority staff can continue to provide high quality technical assistance to the best of their abilities. For more information about the Huron Clean Water Project, including eligible projects, please visit: www.huroncounty.ca/plandev/county-wide-projects/water-protection.

New applications will be reviewed as previously scheduled on the following dates:

- Friday, April 17, 2020
- Friday, June 12, 2020
- Friday, September 11, 2020
- Friday, November 20, 2020

Please have all pertinent cost estimates, site pictures and necessary designs to Conservation Authority staff well before the project review dates. When projects are completed, please notify staff and forward final paid invoices, proof of payment and completion pictures.

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What can you do to help?

We want you to participate! Here are a few tips and suggestions on things Huron County staff can do to help get through this together.

Practice physical distancing

The number one, most important thing you can do to help slow the spread of COVID-19 and protect our most vulnerable citizens and front line workers is practice physical distancing and stay at home.

Check in on others

As we become more physically isolated, it will become more important than ever that we reach out to one another to stay connected. Call, text or email with those who may be alone.

Wash your hands

Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 30 seconds.

Donate to the local food bank

During this time, organizations are running low on food items. Help them stay well-stocked for those in need.