



PUBLIC NOTICE RE: COVID-19 VIRUS

March 18th, 2020

Please be advised that we are taking into consideration the well-being of our staff, citizens and visitors during this time which is why Council has decided to **close all Municipal buildings** to the Public during the extended March Break period – March 16th – April 3rd, 2020, with the exception of the Medical Complex. The Municipal Office and Public Works, although closed to the public, will remain operational at this time until further notice.

Office staff can be reached during regular office hours at 705-844-2300 or email at info@townofspanish.com or pamlortie@townofspanish.com

In the event of an emergency, call Public Works at 1-705-849-7600

All Council and Committee meetings are postponed until after April 3rd, 2020. Council and Staff will also refrain from attending meetings, training, workshops, etc until at least after April 3rd, 2020.

Payments can be made on-line or through the drop box at the front door. Be sure to include your invoice or account number. Call the municipal office if you require assistance setting up your account on-line. To limit our exposure to the public and public areas, we will be doing deposits only when needed. Please do not be alarmed if you have post dated cheques that have not been processed. All penalty and interest charges on taxes and public utilities will be waived for the month of April.

Garbage pick-up will remain the same, on Friday as per usual, at this time.

We are aware that **Fire permits** come into effect as of April 1st, 2020. We will not be issuing any at that time if our office is still closed to the public. The by-law however will still be in effect; no burning between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m.

What you need to know to help you and your family stay healthy:

- Wash your hands with soap and water thoroughly
- Cough and sneeze into your sleeve or tissue. Dispose of tissue immediately and wash your hands
- Keep surfaces clean and disinfected
- Stay home when you are sick or if you have any symptoms like a fever or cough
- If you have been out of the Country and are returning home, it is highly recommended to isolate yourself for at least a two week period for precaution and to limit the risk of exposure to other persons
- If you have symptoms, call Telehealth Ontario at 1-866-797-0000 or contact Algoma Public Health at 1-866-892-0172, ext. 5404.
- For more information, visit www.Ontario.ca/coronavirus or www.algomapublichealth.com
- It is recommended that all persons **over the age of 70** as well as those that are **immunocompromised** or living with **chronic disease** do not leave their homes unless absolutely necessary until further notice.

A message from Gwen Goulet, CEO, Spanish Public Library...

Spanish Public Library is closed to the public during the extended March Break period, March 16 - April 3, 2020. We would like to ask that patrons **do not return** any material while the library is closed and **no fines** will be incurred during this time.

We encourage everyone to take advantage of our online resources. Overdrive provides access to ebooks, audiobooks and streaming video. Our electronic databases provide access to a variety of resources include language learning (Mango Languages), Gale and EbscoHost databases, which include Chilton Auto Repair, Newspaper Source, Consumer Health Complete and Hobbies & Craft Centre to name a few. To access, please visit our website, <http://spanish.olsn.ca/>

In addition, to protect the health and well-being of all, the decision has been made to cancel the Annual Easter Egg Hunt this year. This decision has not been made lightly, but we felt it was a necessary step at this time.

Please stay safe.
Pam Lortie, CAO
Town of Spanish