

Municipal Impacts of Modified Step 2 of Roadmap to Reopen

Due to provincial direction, Springwater municipal facilities including the Township Administration Centre, the Elmvale Arena, Fire Halls and public works yards are closed to the public until further notice. Staff are available to provide assistance by phone or email. Contact details are available at springwater.ca/Contact.

The Elmvale, Midhurst and Minesing branches of the Springwater Public Library are open for curbside service only.

For more information on what's open and closed, visit: springwater.ca/COVID19.

COVID-19 Vaccine Eligibility Updates

Children Ages 5-11 - The Pfizer BioNtech COVID-19 vaccine for children aged 5 to 11 years is now available. Residents can visit Health Canada's website at canada.ca/Health for information on approved vaccines, types of vaccines and ongoing safety monitoring.

Adults Ages 18+ - The Ontario government is now offering booster COVID-19 vaccine doses to all individuals aged 18 and over. Appointments will be booked three months (84 days) after a second dose.

Vaccine appointments can be booked by visiting ontario.ca/BookVaccine, by calling the Provincial Vaccine Contact Centre at 1-833-943-3900, or through Indigenous-led vaccination clinics, select pharmacies and primary care settings.

Note: Individuals aged 50 and over and those previously eligible who have already booked their appointment at an interval of six months (168 days) can call the Provincial Vaccine Contact Centre to re-book for an earlier date at the three-month interval or can change their appointment through Ontario's booking portal at ontario.ca/BookVaccine.

Upcoming Meetings

Council Meeting

Wednesday, January 19 at 6:30 p.m.

Committee of Adjustment

Wednesday, January 26 at 7:00 p.m.

Midhurst CRA Annual General Meeting

Thursday, January 27 at 7:00 p.m.

Council meetings are live streamed online at springwater.ca/live. A call-in option is also available. Board and committee meetings can be accessed via Zoom Conferencing. View the agendas for details.

Updated Provincial Testing and Isolation Requirements

The Province of Ontario has announced that publicly funded PCR testing is now available only for high-risk individuals who are symptomatic and/or at risk of severe illness from COVID-19, workers and residents in the highest risk settings and vulnerable populations.

Members of the general public with mild symptoms are asked not to seek testing. In addition, most individuals with a positive result from a rapid antigen test will no longer be required or encouraged to get a confirmatory PCR or rapid molecular test.

A full list of eligible individuals can be found online at covid-19.ontario.ca.

Based on new evidence, Ontario is also changing the required isolation period for individuals with COVID-19. Those who are vaccinated, as well as children under 12, will now be required to isolate for 5 days following the onset of symptoms. Individuals who are unvaccinated, partially vaccinated or immunocompromised will be required to isolate for 10 days. Full details are available at covid-19.ontario.ca.



Outdoor Rinks

Outdoor community ice rinks are open with strict physical distancing measures in effect. Weather permitting, outdoor rinks are available for recreational use daily until 10:30 p.m. Help keep these volunteer-run spaces safe and fun for everyone by following the posted rules and restrictions.

Details at springwater.ca/OutdoorRinks.



2022 Tree Seedling Distribution Program

Severn Sound Environmental Association (SSEA) and the Township of Springwater are working together to provide residents within the Severn Sound watershed with reasonably priced, native tree and shrub seedlings for planting in early spring 2022.

Tree seedlings must be pre-ordered by **Friday, January 14, 2022**. Seedlings are available in limited quantities and the program often sells out of many species. Order early to avoid disappointment. For full program details, including a species selection guide and instructions for ordering, visit severnsound.ca or call SSEA at 705-534-7283 ext. 202.

Bid Opportunity

The Township is currently accepting bids for:

Digital Sign (2021-20-RPF)

Closes: January 18, 2021

For details and to submit a bid, visit: springwater.bidsandtenders.ca.

View our feature in Business View Magazine!

Read the article: "A Community of Communities" online at:

businessviewmagazine.com/civil-municipal/dec-2021

