



# *Township of La Vallee*

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## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**March 16, 2020**

Devlin, ON – The Emergency Control Group of the Corporation of the Township of La Vallee met on Monday, March 16, 2020 to discuss the Municipality's response to the Novel Coronavirus pandemic.

The ECG made the following decisions at the meeting:

1. **All Staff** will be continuing to work, with a continuity of operations plan in place to ensure we are prepared to respond in a real-time basis. As part of this plan, all non-essential staff travel has been suspended.
2. **The Municipal Office** will be closed to the general public effective Monday, March 16, 2020. Taxes and other billings etc. can still be paid by all current electronic methods, telephone payments, regular letter mail and through the drop slot at the municipal office. All rate-payers shall be mailed a receipt by regular letter mail.
3. The **Devlin Hall** will be closed to the general public effective Monday, March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2020.
4. The **landfill** will remain open at the usual hours.
5. Our **Fire & Emergency Service** team is still responding to emergencies, training and conducting work to ensure our equipment is ready to respond when called upon. We are restricting all outside visitors from coming into our fire stations, and all public education and fire prevention events are postponed for the time being.

- **Contact** the Northwestern Health Unit (NWHU) at **1-807-468-7109** or Telehealth Ontario at **1-866-797-0000** to receive assistance if concerned you may have COVID-19. Further information can be found at the NWHU and Ministry of Long-Term care websites.

**We will continue to monitor the situation and send out another release as applicable. The ECG will continue to meet as necessary to ensure we do everything possible to ensure our community is safe.**

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