

Message from Mayor Rob Keffer:  
COVID-19 update – April 8, 2020

We are coming up on an Easter weekend unlike any I can remember, with families showing how much they care for one another by staying apart instead of gathering together. I'm certain that this weekend will test our resolve to stay home and stay distanced, but I hope everyone understands that if we want to ensure that our family members are safe and healthy so that we can enjoy Easter together next year, then it's a sacrifice that needs to be made.

The outbreak of COVID-19 at Bradford Valley Long Term Care Centre continues to be a top concern in BWG, now affecting 14 residents and two staff members. Fortunately, all of the cases are mild and no one has had to be hospitalized, and we certainly hope that they all recover very soon.

At last night's regular council meeting, we approved a \$250,000 package of relief programs to assist local businesses through the short-term financial crunch caused by this pandemic, as well as to help them apply for funds from other levels of government and to support them in their shift to working virtually and/or providing online services. If you are a business owner in BWG, please see the highlights of the meeting for a more detailed description: <https://bit.ly/34m7p3k>. Nottawasaga Futures will be administering the program, and as soon as they are prepared to take applications for the Emergency Business Sustainability Fund, I will share that information here.

I also want to remind you about our first Virtual Town Hall Meeting, taking place tomorrow – Thursday, April 9 from 7-8:30 p.m. – and streaming live on our YouTube channel: <https://bit.ly/33NhTZC> Submit your questions in advance or during the meeting to [clerk@townofbwg.com](mailto:clerk@townofbwg.com) and we will answer as many as we can. If we don't get to your question during the session, we will reply to your email directly.

I hope you will join me tomorrow and I look forward to hearing from you.

Best,  
Rob Keffer