

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

The opening of Town splash pads today was somewhat upstaged by nature, but there are plenty of hot days ahead when families will be able to enjoy our water-play areas.

In keeping with recommendations from the province and the Health Unit, new protocols for their use have been established and are posted on signs at each location. This includes a maximum of 10 users in the water-play area at any one time, and a maximum of 15 minutes use at a time if others are waiting. Complete rules, as well as the locations of all five water-play areas, are on our website at www.townofbwg.com/splashpads

Please remember that as per the provincial guidelines, playground equipment is not yet open for use. Other activities where physical distancing is difficult, such as basketball and team sports, have also yet to be opened in BWG.

With sunnier days ahead, we are also glad to have rolled out the temporary patio program this week. The intent of this program is to help local restaurants and other businesses to recover from the economic impacts of COVID-19 by increasing their ability to serve customers outdoors, as permitted in the province's Stage 2 reopening plan. If your business is interested in opening up a patio either on private property (i.e. in plaza parking lots) or in the downtown core (i.e. on municipal sidewalks), find out more at www.gotobwg.ca/patios/

We have extended free BWG Transit service until July 1. Service between any bus stops on any route is available on demand by calling 905-775-7770 ext. 1 and speaking to a dispatcher.

As we have seen this week, the overall trend has been towards fewer new cases of COVID-19, but there have been some spikes, and the Health Unit still urges caution. We are continuing to work on plans for the phased reopening of municipal facilities and services over the next few months, including administrative offices and recreation centres. It is going to be a tremendous challenge to operate our facilities in a safe way, and we are committed to taking all necessary measures to protect residents and staff.

We appreciate your patience and understanding as we carefully design and implement our reopening plan.

Best,
Rob Keffer