



A Growing Tradition

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Message from Mayor Rob Keffer:

COVID-19 update - March 26

My last few messages have been quite long, so I'm going to keep this one brief and to the point.

I know you are anxiously awaiting news on the financial relief that the Town of BWG will be providing to residents and local businesses. Please watch our Facebook page tonight starting at 7 pm for live updates on the Special Council meeting on support and relief measures, or you can watch the video (live, if the technology cooperates) on our YouTube channel:

<https://bit.ly/33NhTZC>

The Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit reported today that there are 26 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in the area, 5 of them in Bradford West Gwillimbury. Sadly, there has been a third death in the region, this time of a woman in her 70s living in Orillia. Many of the new cases are related to international travel or contact with another known patient but, as expected, the number of cases is increasing where it is not known how the person was exposed to the virus.

Therefore, I will repeat the most important part of my message from yesterday: This is a critical period. For the safety of all, please abide by the advice to stay home as much as possible, and to employ physical distancing of no less than 2 metres when you must go out in public. Don't hang out with your neighbours, don't play a game of basketball, don't go to in-person club meetings. We know that people without symptoms can have the virus, so you must assume that there are people out in the community carrying COVID-19 and you must act accordingly.

My deepest thanks to all of you working in essential services to keep us safe and healthy, and thank you to everyone reading our messages and following the good advice of health agencies to protect our community.

Best,
Rob Keffer