



## COVID-19 UPDATE

TO ALL RESIDENTS: MARCH 20, 2020

Hello everyone;

It's probably an understatement to say that this nasty virus has turned our daily routines upside down. It occupies every news channel and almost every conversation on the streets. As noted in the recent mail-out, we'll try to provide regular updates as they affect Front of Yonge.

On March 18<sup>th</sup>, I took part in a province-wide conference call with the Ontario Minister of Health and Long Term Care, the Ontario medical Officer of Health, and the Minister of Housing and Municipal Affairs, Steve Clark. The call, with all of Ontario's mayors; was a preamble to the march 19<sup>th</sup> special meeting of the legislature which passed the law allowing municipalities to conduct business by teleconference if it is needed to establish quorum. The Province is trying to make it easier to continue with municipal business in the event some councils cannot have all members present whether they be ill or in self-isolation.

With that in mind, the Front of Yonge Township and public works offices continue to operate albeit behind closed doors. Other services such as the library, community hall and other events are still shut down. Fire services continue as usual.

In these troubled times I respectfully ask that everyone be patient with our Township staff as they continue to provide services under limited capabilities. Please restrict your phone calls to the most important issues and do not physically visit the office unless it's an emergency. Things like tax bills and other correspondence can be done by mail or online. The doors are locked purposely to minimize contacts in order to protect the community and staff.

If at all possible, stay home for your own safety. I'd like to say we are "physical" distancing; not "social" distancing. We need to keep in touch. Phone a friend or relative. Chat online with friends. We will get through this together.

Thank you for understanding.

Roger Haley, Mayor