

Dear Residents

So far 2020 has been a year of unique challenges for us all. The arrival of COVID-19 to our Province and Country has forced us to modify every aspect of our day to day life. We have had to adapt, not for just our safety, but for the safety of our loved ones, our neighbours, and our community.

We are at a critical point in our efforts to flatten the curve on COVID-19. This is a time for everyone to pull together and do the right thing. That means limiting your physical contact with other people, staying home as much as possible and following all the Provincial guidelines. We know that this is hard. But we all need to stay home and stay safe, for everyone.

We want to inform you that we have enacted our Regional Emergency Planning/Response Committee. This regional committee consists of representation from the Town of Twillingate, the Town of Crow Head, the Twillingate Fire Department, and representatives from Purcell's Harbour, Ragged Point, and Black Duck Cove/Kettle Cove. This Committee is responsible for implementing our Regional Emergency Plan and will continue to work closely with Notre Dame Memorial Hospital, the Central Regional Health Authority, the RCMP, essential businesses and all other organizations necessary as we manage through this time.

We have closed Town-owned facilities to focus on the provision of essential services only. This measure is taken to support the efforts of the Federal and Provincial Governments to control the spread of COVID-19. Although our Town Office is closed to the public, staff are only a phone call away (884-2438). To make a payment, please mail a cheque or pay via Scotiabank's online banking platform. As always, businesses or individuals who have concerns or questions about their ability to pay taxes on time should contact k.dalley@townoftwillingate.com. Staff can provide options for payment and arrange payment plans in certain circumstances.

Unless otherwise advertised, public Council meetings will continue to be held on the 2nd Monday of every month. For the time being, these meetings will be held virtually. Residents are welcome to observe the meetings via telephone or online. For details on how to join, please contact the Town Office.

We encourage you to connect with others, but from a distance. Be sure to call your family and friends. If you need any mental health supports to get you through, please refer to the Province's resource list found at <https://www.gov.nl.ca/covid-19/resources-2>.

We commend all Essential Workers for their continued commitment and courage. Without these workers, the COVID-19 impact would be much worse. It also warms our hearts to see the kindness and generosity bestowed upon Essential Workers from local businesses and residents. Thank you does not seem enough.

Please be assured that we are doing everything we can to limit the impact of this crisis on our community. If you're in need, the local food bank is here to help. You can make arrangements by calling 884-2119. For those of you who can, please consider donating to our local food bank at this time. There is a donation box at Foodland or you can buy a gift certificate from any of our local grocers and they will pass it along to the food bank.

Again, thank you to everyone who is following the guidelines and doing your part to keep our community safe. What we do today will impact what happens tomorrow. We are Twillingate strong!

Thank you. And, be safe.

Twillingate Town Council