

Meridian Community Centre, Town Hall, to close as province-wide lockdown begins December 26

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Pelham, ON – With the Grey-Lockdown level initiation by the provincial government, beginning 12:01 a.m. on December 26, 2020, the Town of Pelham is making changes to its facility's operations.

To comply with the province's changes to rules and regulations outlined in the Grey-Lockdown level, the Town of Pelham is closing the Meridian Community Centre to the public, effective Thursday, December 24, 2020, at noon.

Town Hall will be closed for its regular holiday break from December 24, 2020, at noon until January 4, 2021. Town Hall previously welcomed residents with appointments; however, in-person meetings will only be permitted in exceptional circumstances during the lockdown. Staff remain available to residents via telephone and email. The public can find a full list of staff contact information at <u>www.pelham.ca/contact</u>.

The Fonthill branch and Maple Acre Library branches remain available for contactless curbside pickup of library materials and take-home craft kits and pickup of materials sent to the library for printing/copying/scanning.

Parks, playgrounds and trails are open; however, these areas are not cleaned or sanitized, nor is winter maintenance provided by the time. It is encouraged that thorough hand washing and sanitizing occur after the park or playground equipment is used.

"We've reached a point during this pandemic where a province-wide lockdown is required to help slow the spread of COVID-19," said Mayor Marvin Junkin. "The residents of Pelham have done a great job so far in adhering to Public Health guidelines, and we're asking them to continue their efforts. We urge everyone to follow the lockdown rules so that our community, businesses, and front-line workers can have the burden of this virus lifted."

While in the Grey-Lockdown level of the province's COVID-19 response framework, indoor organized public events and social gatherings, except with members of the same household, are prohibited. Individuals who live alone, including seniors, may consider having exclusive, close contact with another household to reduce social isolation's negative impacts.

For more information on the Town's award-winning response to COVID-19, visit: <u>www.pelham.ca/covid19</u>.

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