



## PRESS RELEASE

### The Township of Gillies Council

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE – March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2020

The Council for the Township of Gillies met Monday March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 6:30 pm to discuss the COVID-19 pandemic.

We are still actively monitoring the situation and will be in continuous communication to ensure that the community is provided with appropriate and timely updates.

Given the latest developments that have occurred within the Province of Ontario, the Township of Gillies is implementing the following action with a focus on maintaining operational continuity of essential services during this period

- The Township Office will be CLOSED to the General Public until further notice. However, we will be reassessing this on a regular basis
- The Township will continue to maintain all essential services
- Residents wishing to communicate with Township staff, please call 475-3185 (8:30 – 6:30 pm Monday and 8:30 – 4:30 Tuesday-Thursday. The Office is Closed on Fridays)
- Residents wishing to make payments, can use online services or mail cheques to the Township Office
- The Landfill will continue to maintain regular hours, however residents are asked to place tags directly on bags rather than handing them to staff and the Good Neighbour Shack will be closed to the public until further notice.

We are encouraging residents who have concerns regarding COVID-19 to find further information on the Township website at [www.gilliestownship.com](http://www.gilliestownship.com) and the Thunder Bay District Health Unit at <https://www.tbdhu.com/coronavirus>. If you are exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19 please call your family doctor or the Thunder Bay District Health Unit at (807) 625-5900.

We are strongly encouraging residents to continue to follow all recommendations provided to them by the public health professionals and practice the following:

- Wash your hands with soap and water thoroughly and often
- Coughing and sneezing into elbow
- Stay home when you're sick
- Practice social distancing as much as possible

We thank you for your patience and understanding and would like you to be reassured that we will continue to work to keep our staff and the general public safe.

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