

MEDIA RELEASE Healthy Watersheds for Healthy Communities

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Lower Trent Conservation Updates its Response to COVID-19

In an ongoing effort to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic, Lower Trent Conservation (LTC) continues to follow the lead of our local public health units, as well as provincial and federal health officials.

The health, safety and well-being of our staff, visitors and their families is our top priority. After careful consideration, LTC is responding with the following changes in operations and programming effective immediately:

- **As of 4:30 pm today**, March 24, 2020, the Lower Trent Conservation Administration Office (714 Murray Street, RR1 Trenton) will be closed and staff will be working from home until further notice. The public can reach us by telephone and email. Property Inquiries can be submitted through the authority's LTC.on.ca website.
- All LTC sanctioned education, stewardship and outreach events have been cancelled up to and including Easter weekend. The status of future events will be evaluated after that time.
- Conservation Area facility rentals are suspended until further notice. Current reserved paid bookings will be refunded.
- All outside in-person meetings are cancelled but teleconferencing is encouraged.

Additionally, please be advised that:

- All essential services including LTC's Flood Forecasting and Warning Operations remain active.
- The trails at LTC's 10 conservation areas will remain open for passive use, providing physical
 and mental health benefits to members of the public, however public washroom facilities are
 closed.

Community members are asked to utilize phone or e-mail if they need to contact or correspond with LTC staff during this time at http://www.ltc.on.ca/contact/. Please note that not all services may be available due to the shut-down. Additionally, response and processing times may be delayed.

Documents can be dropped off via the mail slot at the administration office or by mail 714 Murray Street, RR1, Trenton, ON K8V 5P4.

LTC will continue to monitor this developing situation. Your patience, support and cooperation is appreciated.

LTC is one of 36 Conservation Authorities in Ontario. Formed in 1968, LTC's mandate is to manage local watershed's resources in partnership with our 7 member municipalities, as well as provincial and federal governments. For more information visit LTC.on.ca, follow us on Twitter and Instagram, and like us on Facebook.

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