

Message from the Mayor – October 2, 2020



The people of Callander have done a great job so far, along with our neighbours in the North Bay and Parry Sound districts, of keeping the number of COVID-19 cases low. So, thank you for taking precautions including wearing masks, handwashing and physical distancing, and please keep it up.

We cannot let our guard down. The predicted second wave that has started to occur around the world, is also being seen in Ontario. In response to a rising number of cases, the Ontario government has reintroduced tighter gathering restrictions for the whole province. Unmonitored and private social gatherings, including functions, parties, dinners, gatherings, BBQs or wedding receptions held in private residences, backyards, parks and other recreational areas, are now limited to 10 people at an indoor gathering or 25 people at an outdoor event or gathering. We ask our residents to please follow these new rules.

For staffed Municipal events the limits remain at 50 indoors and 100 outdoors. The Municipality of Callander will continue to review each of our upcoming events and will either modify or cancel events to protect the safety of the people in our community. Recent changes are that the Municipality is advertising self-directed walks on the Cranberry Trail this fall, instead of hosting the traditional Cranberry Day program at the end of September, and has cancelled the Halloween activities for 2020. Even so, there is still plenty to enjoy in Callander. As we enter this fall season, with the cooler weather and the blaze of fall colours, we encourage you to spend some time outdoors and enjoy the beauty of the various municipal parks and trails, while keeping in mind appropriate distancing.

It has now been six months since the COVID-19 pandemic changed so many things in our lives. It has been hard in many ways, but it has also been encouraging to see the people in our community demonstrate care and concern for one another as we go through these challenging times. Please continue to be kind to each other and take the necessary measures to keep yourselves, your families, and our community safe.