



## **PRESS RELEASE**

Town of Fort Frances Emergency Control Group

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE** – April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020

Please be advised that effective March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2020 a Provincial Order was made under the Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act (EMCPA) and issued by the Province of Ontario, which ordered the closure of all outdoor recreational amenities until further notice.

As a result of this Provincial Order the following outdoor recreational amenities, which are owned by the Town of Fort Frances, are closed:

- Point Park (1301 Calder Drive)
- Lion's Park (901-921 Second Street East)
- Legion Park (520 Lillie Avenue)
- Front Street/Butler Avenue Park (207 Butler Avenue)
- Sixth Street East/Phair Avenue Park
- Lillie Avenue North Park
- St. Francis Sports Field – Baseball Diamonds, Tennis Courts, Soccer Fields, Off-Leash Dog Running (675 Flinders Avenue)
- All outdoor rinks
- Sorting Gap Marina (1011 Front Street)
- Fire Lookout Tower (1011 Front Street)
- Hallet (1011 Front Street)
- Front Street Exercise Equipment & Playground (1011 Front Street)
- Skate Park (740 Scott Street (Arena)
- McIrvine Park (1120 Colonization Road West)
- Any other outdoor recreational amenities as defined by the Provincial Order that may not be listed above.

Green spaces in parks and trails are open for walkthrough access, but individuals must always maintain a physical distance of at least two metres apart from others.

These measures have been taken to ensure compliance with the Provincial Order to close all outdoor recreational amenities and is effective immediately. These actions have been taken to help with mitigating the community spread of COVID-19.

It is also important to note that fines may be enforced under the Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act (EMCPA) for contraventions including failure to comply with this order. These fines and other penalties are specified in the EMCPA and can be severe. Signage has been installed at all Town of Fort Frances outdoor recreational amenities.

We thank you for your patience and understanding and would like you to be reassured that we will continue to take precautions to help keep our staff and the general public safe during this difficult time. We encourage anyone who requires further information to visit our website [www.fortfrances.ca](http://www.fortfrances.ca) or follow The Town of Fort Frances on Facebook or Twitter.

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