



MEDIA RELEASE

Crowe Valley Conservation Authority Closes Office to Public 17 March 2020

As a result of the rapidly evolving COVID-19 virus pandemic, the **Crowe Valley Conservation Authority (CVCA) has closed the CVCA Administrative building to the public until further notice.** The health and safety of our staff, the public and their families are the highest priority as the CVCA takes into consideration this immediate threat.

In addition, the CVCA have made the following changes in operations and programming effective immediately:

- All meetings and events scheduled at the CVCA Administrative Office are cancelled.
- The CVCA will not be conducting or participating in any meetings on property outside of the CVCA office.

Please be advised that the CVCA will:

- Conduct as much business as possible over the phone and through e-mail. Please call 613-472-3137 or e-mail info@crowevalley.com. However, staff resources will be limited especially if self isolation affects staff. Delays in permit applications may occur.
- Continue to conduct stop log adjustments at dams under CVCA jurisdiction to mitigate the effects of potential flooding. This service combined with flood forecasting and warning operations is the highest priority at this time of year and takes precedence over all other CVCA activities. Accordingly, staff resources may have to be reallocated to ensure there is no interruption of this service.
- Post notices of any changes or announcements on the CVCA website (crowevalley.com) and social media platforms.

The CVCA will continue to monitor the pandemic situation and take the necessary measures to deliver essential services for the public. The CVCA will reassess the delivery of services and programmes as required and ensure measures are consistent with the intent of the federal and provincial governments to slow the spread of the COVID-19 virus.

Your patience, cooperation and understanding of this unprecedented set of circumstances is appreciated.

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