

# **News release**

For Immediate Release October 25, 2021

### **Town of Erin ends State of Emergency**

ERIN, ON: As the vaccination numbers continue to grow and the Provincial restrictions ease, the Town of Erin is ending the State of Emergency effective 4:30 pm, October 25, 2021. All municipal facilities including Town Hall have now been open to the public since September 7.

Over the past year and a half, the health and safety of our residents and staff has been our top priority.

To ensure the safety and well-being of residents and staff, the following precautions will stay in place for entry into Town facilities:

- Proof of vaccination will be required as per the Provincial requirements,
- Masks will continue to be required,
- Hand sanitizing will be required upon entry,
- Residents looking for in-person service will be required to fill out a COVID19 questionnaire
  before entering our facility. To make this process convenient and safe the questionnaire can
  be filled in at home online or by scanning the QR code available at the entrance of our facilities.
  The QR code will lead directly to the questionnaire and as soon as it is filled in and submitted, an
  email confirmation will be sent. Important to note: this email confirmation has to be shown to
  staff before accessing any service.

Council Meetings, however, will not be open to the public at this moment due to space and safety restrictions. It will continue to be live streamed and recordings will be posted online.

Residents are encouraged to continue using online and phone options from the comfort of their homes to access services and to limit the number of people within Town facilities as per Provincial requirements.

For online services visit <u>www.erin.ca</u> or email <u>customerservice@erin.ca</u> or call 519.855.4407 for any inquiry.

- Taxes and Water payments can be paid through financial institutions, by sending an e-transfer to epayments@erin.ca, or by calling 519.855.4407 EXT. 226.
- Burn permits can be filled out online, with payment submitted to epayments@erin.ca
- Dog tags can be obtained online <u>here</u>.
- Additionally, there is a secure 24/7 drop-box, located at Town Hall.



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#### Quote

"Even as we end the State of Emergency, all safety requirements as mandated by the Province and our health authorities will stay in place. It's no doubt been a challenging time for all of us and I thank you all for your patience and resilience, adhering to all the health and safety requirements. I encourage residents to use our online or phone options as much as possible to ensure everyone continues to stay safe and healthy."

Mayor Allan Alls

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The Town of Erin is home to nearly 12,000 rural and urban residents. It is focused on achieving stable growth and long-term sustainability, while creating a prosperous, healthy, environmentally progressive, livable, and inviting community through well managed municipal services, programs, assets and amenities.

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