

COVID-19 Notice

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The Government of Ontario's **Emergency Order** made under the *Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act* retroactive to March 16, 2020, will affect proceedings before the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal in the following ways:

- All timelines within which any step must be taken in a proceeding before the Tribunal, including timelines established in the Tribunal's procedural orders (for example, timelines for the exchange of witness statements, meeting of the experts, or similar directions) are suspended for the duration of the emergency.
- The Tribunal will not schedule any hearing events, including in person, written, or teleconference hearings, while the Emergency Order is in effect. Accordingly, notice of hearing events will not be provided or directed.
- All hearing events scheduled in the Tribunal's hearing calendar between the effective date of the Emergency Order and June 30, 2020 will be adjourned to a future date. The Tribunal will revisit and reconsider this three-month period as the circumstances change.
- Any period of time for a person to initiate a proceeding with the Tribunal, or take a step in the proceeding, as set out in a statute, regulation or Tribunal Rule is suspended by O Reg 73/20 for the duration of this Order.

All front-line counter services are closed until further notice. Deliveries of any kind are not accepted until further notice. Documents, other than appeal records, may be filed electronically.



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