



# Town of La Ronge

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## **PRESS RELEASE #7 FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

April 30, 2020.

The Town of La Ronge continues to monitor the rapidly COVID-19 situation under the direction of local Saskatchewan Health Authority officials and understands our new circumstances may not be easy for everyone. We would like to thank all community members for respecting physical distancing, practicing healthy hand hygiene, and adapting to a new way of life. Council would like to encourage all residents to continue following the Saskatchewan Health Authority's recommendations in order to prevent transmission of the virus in our community, and reduce the impact a pandemic could have on our existing health care facilities. The Town

### **Town Reminders:**

- All Town facilities remain closed to the public.
- Payments can be made via e-transfer, CAFT or as online payments. Residents needing assistance with any of these options, may phone our office at (306) 425-2066 and we will gladly assist you with this.
- All interest charges on outstanding water and sewer accounts will be waived retroactive to April 01 2020 until the first day of the first month after the Province lifts its Provincial State of Emergency Order. Furthermore, water will not be shut off on any overdue accounts until sixty (60) days following the commencement of interest charges.
- Waste collection is ongoing. Please ensure proper waste collection procedures are adhered to, to ensure garbage pick-up.
- Many Town application forms are available on our website, and can be completed and submitted electronically, in order to be processed.
- Residents requiring assistance picking up groceries and other essential items should contact Avyn Koyl, Community Programmer, at (306) 425-7128 to make necessary arrangements.

Representatives are available to answer your questions by phone or e-mail to respond to any inquiries. For information, please contact (306) 425-2066 or via email at [executiveassistant@laronge.ca](mailto:executiveassistant@laronge.ca)

**Recommendations:**

- Effective April 29, the Government of Saskatchewan has issued a Public Health Order, restricting travel to and from the Northern Saskatchewan Administrative District. Checkpoints are in place, including at Highway #2 and Highway #165W and are monitored by Conservation Officers who will enforce the public health order if required. Screening questions are occurring. Individuals permitted to travel include:
  1. Persons whose primary residence is in the NSAD. Proof of residency may be required;
  2. Employees of and persons delivering, critical public services and allowable business services;
  3. Persons who must travel into the NSAD for medical treatment; and
  4. Indigenous persons engaging in protected activities including hunting, fishing, trapping and other traditional land uses.
- The Government of Saskatchewan released its plan reopen the province and slowly lift restrictions for businesses and services. Restrictions will be lifted in five (5) phases.
  - Medical Services and fishing and boat launches will be reopened as early as May 4<sup>th</sup> as part of the Phase One plan. Golf courses will reopen on May 15<sup>th</sup> and parks and campgrounds will reopen on June 1<sup>st</sup>. All of these services will have guidelines in place to further reduce the potential transmission of COVID-19.
  - Phase Two of the plan will reopen retail and select personal services on May 19<sup>th</sup>.
  - Long term restrictions, including mandatory self-isolation following international travel, public gatherings limited to 10 people, and the suspension of all primary and secondary educational institutions, are still in effect with no timeline for removal.
  - The full plan is available for viewing at [www.saskatchewan.ca](http://www.saskatchewan.ca)
- Individuals should continue to respect social distancing recommendations.
- If you are sick, stay home.
- Individuals should practice good personal hygiene and ensure you wash your hands for at least 20 seconds.

As a reminder, press releases for the Town of La Ronge are released weekly and updated information is available on our website at [www.laronge.ca](http://www.laronge.ca) and through our FaceBook page (TownLaRonge). Please visit our website for information and resources related to COVID-19.