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**NORTH DUMFRIES**

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

May 1, 2020

### **Residents Encouraged To Keep Safety Top of Mind This Victoria Day**

**(Ayr, ON.)** The Township of North Dumfries, along with area municipalities across the Region of Waterloo, remind residents to keep safety top of mind this Victoria Day.

To meet physical distancing guidelines, public fireworks displays will not be permitted, and public events have been cancelled across the Region for the upcoming May long weekend (May 16-18). Fireworks cannot be set off in municipal parks, sports fields, parking lots, or on school board property.

Additionally, residents are encouraged to exercise caution with private backyard fireworks displays. This is due to provincially-imposed limitations on gatherings of more than five (5) people not part of the same household as well as the possibility of tying up emergency resources.

“We know and understand that it is difficult during this COVID-19 era not to get out and celebrate the traditional holidays with public fireworks displays and family gatherings,” said Chief Robert Shantz, North Dumfries Fire Department. “It is important that we all follow the public health restrictions and stay home and do not gather with friends and extended family to observe the Victoria Day holiday. If you do have a small fireworks display, make sure you have proper distancing from buildings and take all precautions necessary to keep your immediate family safe. Please remember that if the Fire Department is called because of careless use of fireworks, your firefighters are also put at risk.”

For information on fireworks safety, please watch this video:

<https://www.nrcan.gc.ca/explosives/fireworks-use/fireworks-safety-video/17617>

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North Dumfries extends facility closures to June 30, 2020

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