



DOWNEY DIGEST

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A NOTE FROM DOUG

In January, we recognize Bell Let's Talk Day, an annual fundraising initiative to bring awareness to mental health supports for Canadians. This year, more than ever, mental health awareness and care are of the utmost importance. I encourage everyone to find healthy and productive ways to care for themselves and their mental health during this time. As always, it's important to remember that you are not alone and there is help available.

STAY AT HOME ORDER FAQ

Enforcement

No element of any order provides law enforcement with either the power to enter dwellings nor the authority to stop a vehicle for the singular purpose of checking compliance with the stay-at-home order.

Enforcement Inquiries:

Barrie ByLaw:

705-739-4241

Oro-Medonte ByLaw:

705-487-2171

Springwater ByLaw:

705-728-4784 x 2101



SMALL BUSINESS PROPERTY SUBCLASS

The Ontario government is **giving municipalities the flexibility to provide property tax relief** to small business.

The province is also considering **matching these reductions.**

This would provide small businesses with municipal and provincial property **relief totaling \$385 million.**



Apply for Grants & Rebates

Property Tax and Energy Bill Rebates

Business owners can apply for rebates, provided in the form of grants, to help with their fixed costs.

Apply NOW

<https://www.ontario.ca/page/businesses-get-help-covid-19-costs>

Small Business Support Grant

Opens **today** for applications. This will provide businesses with dollar for dollar funding to a maximum of \$20,000.

Apply NOW

www.ontario.ca/COVIDsupport



THE VACCINE ROLLOUT

1

Limited doses of the vaccine available for health care workers in hospitals, long-term care, homes and retirement homes, other congregate care settings and remote Indigenous communities

DECEMBER 2020

2

Increasing stock of vaccines, available to all health care workers, residents in long-term care homes, retirement homes, home care patients with chronic conditions and additional Indigenous communities.

MARCH 2021

3

Vaccines available widely across Ontario for anyone who wants to be immunized

AUGUST 2021

EQUINE HARDSHIP PROGRAM



- Launching on January 18, 2021
- Provides individual businesses offering horse related experiences up to **\$2,500 per horse** up to a maximum of \$20,000 in financial support
- Help **cover direct costs** for feed, water, veterinary care and farrier services to maintain their **horses' health** and well-being.

NEW YEAR'S LEVEE WITH MP SHIPLEY

While in a different format this year, we still managed to get together online and spread some good cheer and best wishes for the New Year!

Thank you to my co-host Doug Shipley, MP for a successful 1st Annual Joint New Year's Levee!

