



Town of Penetanguishene

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Town of Penetanguishene announces staffing redeployments due to COVID-19 changes

(Penetanguishene)- In light of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and recent stay-at-home order declared on January 12th, 2021, the Town of Penetanguishene has reviewed all department services and conducted redeployments where necessary. Three (3) staff members from areas that have service level impacts to the public have been redeployed to support the continuity of operations in areas that are deemed critical services to our community.

"During the initial lockdown in 2020, our Human Resource Staff were able to review the skills and abilities of all employees. Our staff members were able to use this initial review to outline where our service gap lies during the lockdown and what staff members have the skills and capacity to support other departments in the municipality," says Jeff Lees, Chief Administration Officer.

Redeployed employees have transitioned to the following areas, including:

- Two (2) full-time Arena Staff have been redeployed to the Roads Division, assisting with winter maintenance requirements.
- One (1) full-time Recreation + Community Services member has been redeployed on a part-time basis to assist with corporate reception requirements.

"The current stay-at-home order has significantly impacted our Arena and Museum operations, as they are not permitted to operate under the current regulations," says Mayor Douglas Leroux. "Although the Arena and Museum have a reduced workload, other areas in our municipality have seen an increase in operations. I am proud of the diversity in our staff skills that has made the redeployments possible and thank our staff members for switching gears to ensure our essential community needs are maintained to our service excellence."

The Town of Penetanguishene's Emergency Management Team will continue to monitor the COVID-19 situation. Updates are provided on our website at www.penetanguishene.ca. We encourage you to sign up to receive public notice updates through email. To register, please visit our subscription portal [here](#).





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