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REOPENING OF CHELSEA TOWN HALL ON JUNE 8TH

Chelsea, June 3, 2020 – As of Monday, June 8, the Municipality of Chelsea will reopen its municipal offices to the public, under certain conditions. Access will be through the main door located on Chemin d'Old Chelsea and residents will be asked to follow the hygiene and physical distance guidelines in effect. In order to protect the health of employees and visitors, masks will have to be worn at all times and hands will have to be washed at the entrance.

The reopening will take place according to the usual schedule, but citizens wishing to meet with an employee will have to make an appointment first. In addition, only one citizen at a time will be allowed in the office of an employee. This applies to all services, including permit applications. The purpose of this new procedure is to minimize the movements at Town Hall and thus reduce the risk of contagion from COVID-19. Only payments by card or cheque will be accepted.

The Municipality strongly encourages residents to continue to favour remote or online services, whenever possible. Details on online services and remote procedures can be found on the Municipality's website.

Gradual reopening plan for the public library

In order to comply with the directives of the first phase of the plan announced by the Government of Quebec to reopen public libraries, the outdoor contactless loan service, introduced on May 7, will continue until June 13. Citizens will therefore be able to continue to send their book orders by e-mail and to pick them up on Thursdays and Saturdays, by appointment.

Beginning June 20, the library will gradually experiment, on Saturdays only, with opening up the interior to allow contactless loans from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Citizens will thus be able, without a specific schedule, to come in to receive suggestions from employees and leave with their loans. Users wishing to make an appointment on Saturdays will be able to continue to do so and collect their documents inside. Thursdays from 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. will still be reserved for contactless loans by appointment only.

In view of its interior reopening a clear path will be laid out to allow users to circulate. Citizens will have to enter through the main door of the Town Hall located in front of Chemin d'Old Chelsea and exit through the door leading to the parking lot. In addition, physical distancing measures, hand washing at the entrance as well as the wearing of masks will be mandatory to access the library.

Always on the lookout for directives issued by the Government of Quebec, this reopening plan may be subject to change at any time depending on the state of the situation in Quebec and in the Outaouais.

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