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**The Corporation of the Town of Marathon Pandemic Planning
COVID-19 Update – Outdoor Recreation Facilities
Re-Opening**

MARATHON, ON; May 14, 2020 – The Town of Marathon remains diligent in monitoring the situation as it pertains to COVID-19. We continue to evaluate all Public Health Agency communications as well as communications from other Federal and Provincial Government Health Authorities. The health and well-being of our residents is of great importance.

The Emergency Control Group met today and reviewed the latest information provided by the Province regarding provincial re-openings. Based on this information, the following decisions have been made:

- Peninsula Golf Course will be open to the public starting at 10am on May 22. Memberships will go on sale online May 15.
- Penn Lake Trail will be open to the public starting May 15. The campground will remain closed but preparations will begin for opening in later May.
- Pebble Beach will be open to the public starting May 15.
- The tennis courts will be open to the public starting May 21.
- Amending the requirement of only having members of the same household in a boat utilizing the Marathon Boat Launch to *allowing for non-family-related anglers and boaters to be in the same boat as long as physical distancing can be practiced*. This will come into effect May 15.
- Opening up the Marathon Boat Launch area to the public for recreational use with physical distancing in effect.

Playgrounds, equipment, tables, and benches will remain closed for public use for the time being. Strict physical distancing will be in effect as per Town of Marathon Bylaw #1979. The public is strongly urged to visit the Town of Marathon website and Facebook page to read the posted guidelines for each recreation area.

“I am sure that our residents will be happy that they will have these outdoor recreation opportunities available to them. But by no means are we ‘out of the woods’ with respect to COVID. Our best defence still remains physical distancing and making smart decisions. Please respect the closed off areas and adhere to all measures in place to protect the health and safety of our community.” Mayor Rick Dumas.

For more information, please contact the Municipal office during the regular business hours of 8:00am to 4:30pm at 229-1340; after hours 229-6125. We encourage our residents to visit our Municipal website (www.marathon.ca) and Municipal Facebook page for updated information.

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