

Media Release

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## Town of Maple Creek – Municipal Facilities, Parks and Festivals & COVID-19

Mayor and Council would like to thank everyone for following the regulations set out by the public health order and complying with physical distancing guidelines.

Premier Moe's Re-open Saskatchewan plan has sparked some excitement and questions on how and when the municipality will open up our facilities, parks and hold our annual festivals. To abide by the public health order, the Town of Maple Creek closed municipal parks, this includes play grounds, tennis/basketball and pickleball courts, skateboard park, batting cage, outdoor fitness equipment, public seating, picnic tables and benches. Seating that cannot be physically moved needs to have a form of barricade, and signage indicating not in use. Our Parks Crew has been out applying caution tape to seating areas and attaching signage indicating that the area is closed until further notice. Municipal parks and facilities fall under phase 4 of the re-opening plan.

CLOSED FOR THE SEASON is the TransCanada Visitor Reception Center, swimming pool and the spray park, as these facilities are part of phase 4 with no date announced as to when this would take place. The Visitor Centre on Jasper street is temporarily closed to the public, and will reopen in phase 4. Visitor Centre Staff are working and are available to take your calls and will be happy to assist you.

The Heritage Festival and the Taste of Maple Creek have been cancelled due to the large gathering restrictions. We look forward to hosting these festivals once again in 2021. We as a council have budgeted for an event pending lifting of gathering restrictions but we need our community's ideas and suggestions. Ideas and suggestions should comply with physical distancing guidelines. Submit your ideas and suggestions to [visitorcentre@maplecreek.ca](mailto:visitorcentre@maplecreek.ca).

Mayor and Council would like to welcome back the businesses that reopened on May 19<sup>th</sup>, the community has missed you. We are looking forward to phase 3 when more of our business community can open up their doors.

Words cannot express how proud Mayor and Council are of our community. Each and every one of you have done your part to help keep our wonderful little town safe and healthy. By working together, practicing good hand washing and following physical distancing guidelines our community will continue to lead the way.

Thank you,  
Mayor Michelle