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## MEDIA RELEASE

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### **Woolwich Township to reopen some outdoor recreational amenities**

WOOLWICH – In alignment with the May 14 and May 19 provincial announcements permitting the opening of outdoor recreational amenities, the following Township of Woolwich outdoor recreational amenities including sports fields (for non-team use only i.e. running / walking) dog parks, tennis courts, basketball courts, skateboard park, picnic shelters and benches will reopen to the public: **Friday, May 22nd, 2020.**

Individuals may use outdoor sports facilities and multi-use fields for non-team sports, such as walking, running, biking, skateboarding, frisbee, kicking a ball, and low contact racquet sports like tennis, badminton, and pickleball. Individuals are not permitted to play team sports, such as soccer or baseball, even on fields intended for this purpose unless they are members of the same household.

“We know that residents are anxious to be able to use these outdoor community amenities again and we appreciate their patience as staff, after receiving direction from the provincial government, move to reopen them as quickly and safely as possible,” said Mayor Sandy Shantz

Provincial orders require that individuals using these amenities, except for members of the same household, are to maintain a physical distance of at least two metres or six feet. Public gathering limits still remain at 5. Public Health continues to encourage members of the public to follow good personal hygiene and regularly wash and/or sanitize their hands. Residents are reminded that amenities, outdoor furniture such as benches or shelters are not sanitized and residents should wash and clean their hands after each use.

At this time, all playgrounds, park washrooms, outdoor gym equipment, splashpads and pools remain closed.

To stay up to date on reopening details and current closures, visit [www.woolwich.ca/COVID19](http://www.woolwich.ca/COVID19) and Township of Woolwich social media accounts on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter for details.

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