

Transcript of the Update from Mayor Shantz about the Woolwich Residents Support Fund

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Right now, our energies are going towards fighting the effects of COVID-19 in our Township and Region. And I know it touches every one of you in some way. In the weeks and months ahead, there will be unprecedented numbers of people who will need support.

That's why I'm so pleased to be able to use this time to tell you about a new fund. We reached out to Woolwich Community Services and Community Care Concepts, who have graciously come onboard with creating a new fund called the Woolwich Residents Support Fund. The fund will be administered by Woolwich Community Services. Support will be available to all residents of Woolwich Township experiencing a need during these unique times. Access to the fund is available by contacting Community Care Concepts, Woolwich Community Services, Woolwich Counselling Centre, or the Woolwich Community Health Centre. What a great example of the barn-raising spirit that has always existed in Woolwich!

Now...did you know the Maple Syrup Festival is a community fundraising initiative, supported by hundreds of community volunteers? A lot of community groups will be missing a little bit of a pick-me-up from the proceeds of the Festival. So why not use this opportunity to donate locally? To make your donation to the Woolwich Residents Support Fund, contact Woolwich Community Services or Community Care Concepts.

Maybe you are watching from another community altogether—that's the beauty of social media isn't it? If you are, and if you'd rather donate to one of your local support groups, please do that.

I want to give a great, big thank-you and shout-out to all the workers out there who are getting us through these trying times. To the grocery store clerks, the pharmacy workers, the truck drivers and delivery people, and of course all our healthcare and emergency workers.

We are in this together and we will get through it together.

Stay safe, be well, practice physical distancing—and wash your hands.