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Communications and Technology / Communication et technologie				
Fort St. John closes all municipal buildings and will host weekly Council meetings	Energetic City	2020-03-26	BC	Fort St. John
Township Council passes 2020 budget, moves to electronic meetings	Langley (British Columbia : Township)	2020-03-27	BC	Langley Township
How smart cities can defend against pandemics	Technology Networks	2020-03-26	Canada	
Wallace-Woodworth meetings to comply with COVID-19 safety mandate: Council votes to purchase video conferencing equipment	Virden Empire-Advance	2020-03-26	MB	Wallace-Woodworth
Community permits and approvals and development support now offered electronically and by telephone from City of Saint John One Stop Development Shop	Saint John (New Brunswick : City)	2020-03-27	NB	Saint John
Les permis et les approbations communautaires ainsi que le soutien à l'aménagement sont maintenant offerts par voie électronique et par téléphone par le Guichet unique pour l'aménagement de la Ville de Saint John	Saint John (New Brunswick : City)	2020-03-27	NB	Saint John
Town launches COVID-19 phone hotline & municipal staffed coordination group	Cobourg (Ontario : Town)	2020-03-28	ON	Cobourg
Essex County council switches to meeting electronically	Windsor Star	2020-03-28	ON	Essex County
London launches email and phone line to report COVID-19 order violations	London (Ontario : City)	2020-03-27	ON	London
Peterborough City Council to meet remotely	Peterborough (Ontario : City)	2020-03-26	ON	Peterborough
Economics, Trade and Economic Development / Économie, commerce et développement économique				
City initiatives focus on economic recovery for Hamilton's business community	Hamilton	2020-03-27	ON	Hamilton
Mayor's Economic Support and Recovery Task Force to survey Toronto businesses about the impact of COVID-19	Toronto	2020-03-26	ON	Toronto

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Business and economic support team forms to help businesses navigate COVID-19	Waterloo (Ontario : Regional Municipality)	2020-03-27	ON	Waterloo (Region) Cambridge Kitchener North Dumfries Waterloo (City) Wellesley Wilmot Woolwich
County considering \$1-million fund to help local small businesses	Wellington Advertiser	2020-03-26	ON	Wellington
Les intervenants économiques de L'Érable et d'Arthabaska s'unissent pour mieux accompagner les entreprises	L'Érable (Québec : Municipalité régionale de comté)	2020-03-26	QC	Arthabaska L'Érable
Moratoire sur les prêts accordés aux entreprises par la MRC de La Matanie	La Matanie (Québec : Municipalité régionale de comté)	2020-03-26	QC	La Matanie
COVID-19 : état de situation du 27 mars concernant les activités municipales : [Sécuriser les revenus des fournisseurs et aider les personnes dans le besoin]	Québec (Québec : Ville)	2020-03-27	QC	Québec

Finance, Taxation and Revenue / Finances, taxation et revenu

Update: Economic supports to mitigate impacts of COVID-19	Lacombe (Alberta : City)	2020-03-26	AB	Lacombe (City)
Municipality pauses on overdue accounts	Cape Breton (Nova Scotia : Regional Municipality)	2020-03-27	NS	Cape Breton
Municipality of Chester to offer funding assistance amid COVID-19	The Chronicle Herald	2020-03-27	NS	Chester
Arnprior municipal COVID measures: [temporary financial measures for individuals and businesses]	Renfrew Today	2020-03-27	ON	Arnprior
COVID-19 update no. 9 - Bracebridge waives penalties for non-payment of 2020 interim taxes	Bracebridge (Ontario : Town)	2020-03-26	ON	Bracebridge
Financial services update	Centre Wellington (Ontario : Township)	2020-03-27	ON	Centre Wellington
Collingwood Council approves relief measures for residents and bus	Collingwood (Ontario : Town)	2020-03-26	ON	Collingwood

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LaSalle waives interest and penalties	LaSalle (Ontario : Town)	2020-03-26	ON	Essex County LaSalle (Town)
Gravenhurst waives penalties for non-payment of 2020 interim taxes	Gravenhurst (Ontario : Town)	2020-03-27	ON	Gravenhurst
COVID-19 update: Property tax payments	Huntsville (Ontario : Town)	2020-03-27	ON	Huntsville
Water and sewer bills: helping customers and offering assistance	Kingston (Ontario : City)	2020-03-27	ON	Kingston
City of Markham approves tax and fee relief for residents and businesses	Markham (Ontario : City)	2020-03-27	ON	Markham
Town of Oakville takes action to support residents and businesses during COVID-19 pandemic: Property tax payments deferred for those in need	Oakville	2020-03-26	ON	Oakville
City continues to take action to help community during COVID-19 pandemic	Orillia (Ontario : Town)	2020-03-27	ON	Orillia
Due dates for first property tax installment, second quarter water/sewer bills extended to May 29	Pembroke (Ontario : City)	2020-03-26	ON	Pembroke
Prescott to cut budget for zero tax hike	Brockville Recorder and Times	2020-03-27	ON	Prescott
City Council approves series of financial measures to further support residents and businesses	St. Catharines (Ontario : City)	2020-03-27	ON	St. Catharines
Town of St. Marys waiving penalties and interest charges on municipal payments for 30 days	St. Marys (Ontario : Town)	2020-03-27	ON	St. Marys
Information Bulletin No. 7: COVID-19: [suspended fees and charges]	Wasaga Beach (Ontario : Town)	2020-03-27	ON	Wasaga Beach
Information bulletin no. 6: COVID-19: [Steps to make life easier for the community during the COVID-19 pandemic]	Wasaga Beach (Ontario : Town)	2020-03-26	ON	Wasaga Beach
Township approves financial and economic supports in response to COVID-19 challenges	Wilmot (Ontario : Township)	2020-03-26	ON	Wilmot
Coronavirus : suspension des frais administratifs et intérêts sur les transactions, dont le paiement des comptes de taxes jusqu'au 8 juillet	Blainville (Québec : Ville)	2020-03-26	QC	Blainville
Taxes municipales COVID-19 : Les taux des intérêts et des pénalités abaissés à 0 % en raison de la COVID-19	Brownsburg-Chatham (Québec : Ville)	2020-03-26	QC	Brownsburg-Chatham

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Taxes municipales : les dates pour les prochains versements reportées	Princeville (Québec : Ville)	2020-03-27	QC	Princeville
Housing / Habitation				
Increased security for Alberta renters	Alberta. Service Alberta	2020-03-27	AB	
Province scraps Calgary's plan to house homeless in hotels, Nenshi says	Calgary Herald	2020-03-28	AB	Calgary
Considerations for the homeless	Quesnel (British Columbia : City)	2020-03-27	BC	Quesnel
Beacon Hill Park will not be used to shelter Victoria's homeless population, says Mayor: Topaz and Royal Athletic Park will be used, a shift from the city's earlier message	Victoria News	2020-03-26	BC	Victoria
New pop-up shelters coming for Halifax amid COVID-19 spread	CBC News	2020-03-27	NS	Halifax Regional Municipality
Homeless patrons relocated to Northern College during COVID-19	Timmins Daily Press	2020-03-26	ON	Cochrane
P.E.I. government seeks ban on enforcement of evictions amid COVID-19 emergency: Government says it's necessary to protect health and safety of tenants and sheriffs	CBC News	2020-03-30	PE	
Government of Yukon is making sure Yukoners have home security during COVID-19	Yukon	2020-03-26	YT	
Sécurité résidentielle pour les locataires pendant la pandémie de COVID-19	Yukon	2020-03-26	YT	
Infrastructure / Infrastructures				
COVID-19 update: Downtown pedestrian crossings automated to reduce touch points	Vernon (British Columbia : City)	2020-03-30	BC	Vernon
Bulk Water Station retrofitted to permit touch-free use	West Kelowna (British Columbia : City)	2020-03-27	BC	West Kelowna
Private sewer lateral service discontinued	St. John's	2020-03-27	NL	St. John's
Municipal Governance and Administration / Gouvernance et administration municipales				

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Recreation centre and library closures lead to temporary layoffs	Edmonton	2020-03-30	AB	Edmonton
City of Grande Prairie employee reductions	Grande Prairie (Alberta : City)	2020-03-27	AB	Grande Prairie
City undertaking additional staffing changes	Abbotsford (British Columbia : City)	2020-03-27	BC	Abbotsford
City of Quesnel Council meeting closed to the public	Quesnel (British Columbia : City)	2020-03-27	BC	Quesnel
Council to resume regular meetings	Owen Sound (Ontario : City)	2020-03-30	ON	Owen Sound
La Ville de La Malbaie réorganise ses équipes de travail	La Malbaie (Québec : Ville)	2020-03-27	QC	La Malbaie
COVID-19 : Mont-Tremblant assure les services essentiels et met en place des mesures pour répondre à la crise	Mont-Tremblant (Québec : Ville)	2020-03-26	QC	Mont-Tremblant
COVID-19 impacts the City's casual employees	Regina	2020-03-26	SK	Regina

Planning and Development / Aménagement et développement

COVID-19 update: City of Vernon maintains continuity in development approvals	Vernon (British Columbia : City)	2020-03-27	BC	Vernon
Update on OP timelines and processing of development applications as a result of COVID-19	Burlington (Ontario : City)	2020-03-27	ON	Burlington
Changes to Planning and Heritage services offered	Charlottetown	2020-03-27	PE	Charlottetown

Protective Services and Emergency Management / Services de protection et gestion des situations d'urgence

COVID-19: What is the City of Brooks doing?	Brooks (Alberta : City)	2020-03-27	AB	Brooks
City to test road closures, putting more space between pedestrians	Calgary Herald	2020-03-28	AB	Calgary
City announces further restrictions due to COVID-19	Calgary (Alberta : City)	2020-03-27	AB	Calgary
City takes further action to protect residents and businesses from COVID-19	Edmonton	2020-03-26	AB	Edmonton
Edmonton hair, nail and tattoo shops must close, council decides: Restaurants and shopping malls can stay open for now	CBC News	2020-03-26	AB	Edmonton

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March 26 COVID-19 Update: Council agrees to waive transit fares effective March 27, 2020: [Also approved line of credit borrowing bylaw and granting the City Manager the authority to respond to waste related concerns]	Fort Saskatchewan (Alberta : City)	2020-03-26	AB	Fort Saskatchewan
Ministerial orders for local government	Union of British Columbia Municipalities	2020-03-26	BC	
Coquitlam cancels events in May, assesses others	Coquitlam (British Columbia : City)	2020-03-27	BC	Coquitlam
Council approves bylaws allowing City to levy fines for contraventions of Provincial Health Officer's orders	Delta (British Columbia : District Municipality)	2020-03-27	BC	Delta
Delta call centre to report gatherings, access help during COVID-19 pandemic now open	Cloverdale Reporter	2020-03-26	BC	Delta
COVID-19: District needs to relay a sense of calm says Mission mayor: Province doesn't need municipalities behaving in different ways and enforcing different things	Mission City Record	2020-03-26	BC	Mission
From pandemic to flood: Manitoba communities trying to figure out how to sandbag, observe social distancing: Forecasts from the U.S. predict possibility of significant Red River flooding	CBC News	2020-03-27	MB	Montcalm St. Clements
Labrador is keeping a lid on COVID-19. Here's what communities are doing: Leaders fear residents are not taking precautions seriously	CBC News	2020-03-27	NL	Cartwright St. Lewis
Rural communities in Ontario ask city-dwellers to avoid taxing health system amid COVID-19 crisis	Toronto Star	2020-03-27	ON	Bracebridge Muskoka
City cancels spring programs and extends closures	Burlington (Ontario : City)	2020-03-30	ON	Burlington
Update on municipal services and programs: [garbage, postponement of tax installments and water bills, and waiving rental fees]	Dutton Dunwich (Ontario : Municipality)	2020-03-27	ON	Dutton Dunwich
Area partners launch donation campaign for urgently needed PPE and supplies for local health care providers	Penetanguishene (Ontario : Town)	2020-03-30	ON	Muskoka Simcoe County
City accepting donations of personal protective equipment for its COVID-19 response	Ottawa	2020-03-30	ON	Ottawa

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La Ville accepte des dons d'équipement de protection individuelle dans le cadre de son intervention dans le dossier COVID-19	Ottawa	2020-03-30	ON	Ottawa
COVID-19: Transit may see interruptions, playgrounds closed	Thunder Bay (Ontario : City)	2020-03-27	ON	Thunder Bay
Toronto mayor retracts claims city is collecting cellphone location data in COVID-19 fight	Financial Post	2020-03-26	ON	Toronto
More fines, more patrols as Montreal police ramp up enforcement of public health orders: Police are asking Montrealers to report unusual activity, such as parties	CBC News	2020-03-29	QC	Montréal
Montréal intensifie le combat	La Presse	2020-03-27	QC	Montréal
Trois mesures prises par la ville en réponse à la pandémie de la COVID-19: [l'allégement du fardeau fiscal des contribuables, la fermeture des parcs urbains et la protection de la santé du personnel municipal]	Pohénégamook (Québec : Ville)	2020-03-26	QC	Pohénégamook
Public Administration / Administration publique				
Order enables broader use of tech in COVID-19 response	British Columbia. Ministry of Citizens' Services	2020-03-29	BC	
Recreation and Culture / Loisirs et culture				
City recommends residents refrain from visiting all outdoor public structures, play spaces	Medicine Hat (Alberta : City)	2020-03-27	AB	Medicine Hat
Niverville Recreation finding ways to provide programming	Steinbach Online	2020-03-28	MB	Niverville
Parks and parking changes coming to Winnipeg due to COVID-19	CTV News	2020-03-27	MB	Winnipeg
City of Saint John skateboard parks now closed	Saint John (New Brunswick : City)	2020-03-27	NB	Saint John
Les planchodromes de la Ville de Saint John sont maintenant fermés	Saint John (New Brunswick : City)	2020-03-27	NB	Saint John

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2 more recreational trails close in CBRM due to coronavirus: Baille Ard and Coxheath Hills trails closed temporarily because snow makes social distancing difficult	CBC News	2020-03-27	NS	Cape Breton
City playgrounds closed	Yellowknife (Northwest Territories : City)	2020-03-26	NT	Yellowknife
City closing more outdoor recreation areas to promote physical distancing	Barrie (Ontario : City)	2020-03-27	ON	Barrie
City of Brampton closes all parks to help prevent the spread of COVID-19	Brampton	2020-03-26	ON	Brampton
COVID-19 update #23 – Kawartha Lakes parks amenities closed	Kawartha Lakes (Ontario : City)	2020-03-27	ON	Kawartha Lakes
City closes playgrounds and park amenities – walk-throughs permitted with precautions	Kingston (Ontario : City)	2020-03-27	ON	Kingston
Lakeshore among more county towns shutting down playgrounds, parks for use due to COVID-19	Windsor Star	2020-03-27	ON	Lakeshore Essex County Amherstburg Kingsville
Town of Newmarket closes the Newmarket Dog Park and other park amenities to limit the spread of COVID-19	Newmarket (Ontario : Town)	2020-03-26	ON	Newmarket
Municipal officials further lockdown parks: The Town of Orangeville is taking extra measures to make sure residents do not use the parks during the quarantine	Bayshore Broadcasting	2020-03-27	ON	Orangeville
COVID-19 Update 10: City cancels spring 2020 programming session	Oshawa (Ontario : City)	2020-03-27	ON	Oshawa
COVID-19 Update 9: Oshawa adds off-leash park to list of temporary closures	Oshawa (Ontario : City)	2020-03-26	ON	Oshawa
Playground equipment closed due to COVID-19 concerns	Prince Edward (Ontario : County)	2020-03-26	ON	Prince Edward County
City playgrounds, skate park, dog parks closed until further notice	St. Catharines (Ontario : City)	2020-03-27	ON	St. Catharines
Playgrounds, park amenities temporarily closed in Greater Sudbury: Open spaces like Bell Park Boardwalk are still open, however physical distancing measures to be followed	CBC News	2020-03-29	ON	Sudbury

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Town of Whitby cancels spring recreational programming due to COVID-19	Whitby (Ontario : Town)	2020-03-26	ON	Whitby
L'accès aux parcs municipaux est restreint	Gatineau (Québec : Ville)	2020-03-26	QC	Gatineau
COVID19 - Montréal announces the closure of dog parks	Montréal	2020-03-28	QC	Montréal
COVID-19 - Montréal annonce la fermeture des parcs canins	Montréal	2020-03-28	QC	Montréal

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Rural and Agricultural / Milieu rural et agricole				
Don't head to your cottage to wait out COVID-19 pandemic, Canadians warned	CTV News	2020-03-29	Canada	
Service Delivery / Prestation de services				
COVID-19: Edmonton ramps up efforts in supporting the vulnerable population	Edmonton Journal	2020-03-28	AB	Edmonton
Council announces \$20,000 fund to support community during COVID-19	Sicamous (British Columbia : District)	2020-03-26	BC	Sicamous
Social Resilience Task Force delivering essential needs for Vancouver residents	Vancouver (British Columbia : City)	2020-03-26	BC	Vancouver
Emergency child care offered to health care and frontline workers in Durham Region	Durham (Ontario : Regional Municipality)	2020-03-30	ON	Durham
COVID-19 Update 8: Together we can help our most vulnerable: Gap Committee launches new website	Oshawa (Ontario : City)	2020-03-26	ON	Durham Oshawa
City of Toronto to open child care for essential and core service workers	Toronto	2020-03-28	ON	Toronto
Region coordinating emergency child care for critical service workers	Waterloo (Ontario : Regional Municipality)	2020-03-27	ON	Waterloo (Region)
Social Issues / Questions sociales				
COVID-19 not impacting immigration pilot yet	Pembina Valley Online	2020-03-30	MB	Altona Rhineland
Town of Newmarket rallies community to Stand Apart Together during COVID-19 crisis	Newmarket (Ontario : Town)	2020-03-27	ON	Newmarket
Lumière d'espoir et arcs-en-ciel au centre-ville de Matane	Matane (Québec : Ville)	2020-03-28	QC	Matane
Transportation / Transports				
COVID-19 fly-in, fly-out clarification	Northern Rockies (British Columbia : Regional Municipality)	2020-03-28	BC	
Guelph Transit changing service to slow the spread of coronavirus: Free transit until April 30; 30-minute schedule Monday to Saturday	Guelph (Ontario : City)	2020-03-26	ON	Guelph

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Kingston Transit adjusts operations to support essential trips only	Kingston (Ontario : City)	2020-03-27	ON	Kingston
LaSalle, Leamington transit services affected by city bus suspension	Windsor Star	2020-03-28	ON	LaSalle (Town) Leamington Windsor (City)
Peterborough Transit service updates - COVID-19: [by-reservation transit service to essential workplaces and traditional transit service]	Peterborough (Ontario : City)	2020-03-26	ON	Peterborough
Transit health and safety	Sarnia (Ontario : City)	2020-03-27	ON	Sarnia
City, CADC waive parkade fees for month of April	Charlottetown	2020-03-27	PE	Charlottetown
Montreal, Quebec City transit agencies reduce services as ridership plummets: STM says Metro traffic has dropped 80%, bus traffic down 75%	CBC News	2020-03-26	QC	Montréal Québec
COVID-19 - Saint-Laurent making its parking rules more flexible	Montréal	2020-03-30	QC	Saint-Laurent
COVID-19 - Saint-Laurent assouplit sa réglementation sur le stationnement	Montréal	2020-03-30	QC	Saint-Laurent
"Dial A Bus" service coming Monday to meet passenger needs during COVID-19	Moose Jaw (Saskatchewan : City)	2020-03-27	SK	Moose Jaw
COVID-19: Bridge & walkway physical distancing measures, program registration suspensions	Saskatoon (Saskatchewan : City)	2020-03-27	SK	Saskatoon

Waste Management / Gestion des déchets

Modifications to Coquitlam curbside waste collection	Coquitlam (British Columbia : City)	2020-03-27	BC	Coquitlam
Recycling centres keep winter hours with visitor restrictions and limited service	Cowichan Valley (British Columbia : Regional District)	2020-03-26	BC	Cowichan Valley
Quesnel Landfill and Recycling Centre temporarily change hours of operation	Quesnel (British Columbia : City)	2020-03-27	BC	Quesnel
COVID-19 update: Help protect our waste collection workers: [Changes to garbage pick-up]	Surrey (British Columbia : City)	2020-03-27	BC	Surrey
Municipal recycling facility to close temporarily	Inverness (Nova Scotia : County)	2020-03-27	NS	Inverness
Notice: County to allow one free garbage bag at curb	Prince Edward (Ontario : County)	2020-03-26	ON	Prince Edward County

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Northeastern municipalities make changes to garbage collection due to COVID-19: Greater Sudbury has increased bag limit while landfills are closed	CBC News	2020-03-27	ON	Sudbury
Fermeture des écocentres	La Vallée-de-l'Or (Québec : Municipalité régionale de comté)	2020-03-26	QC	La Vallée-de-l'Or