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Dear Friends

As we begin our first processes of recovery for Ontario, I have to stress to all of you that we will be returning to a normal, but it will be a **“new normal”**. How different will this “new normal” be? **That is entirely up to us.**

The Ontario Government is planning to re-open businesses. If you are a business owner, my advice to you is to prepare. Prepare for this “new normal” and what will it look like for you. Have a plan for re-establishing sales and revenue and prepare your workplace according to the Government Safety Guidelines.

If you have innovative ideas on how the Government can help you and your business cope during this process, please reach out to me. **I want to hear from you and I want to help you. There is still time to incorporate your ideas into the Government’s plan.**

Last week, I hosted an online town hall with Willowdale MPP Stan Cho, focused on the state of the economy and what we can do as a province to get through this.

On May 27th, the emphasis will be on small business owners in Richmond Hill and the Associate Minister of Small Business and Red Tape Reduction will be available to address your questions and concerns.

Space is limited! I encourage you to email www.daisywaic@pc.ola.org to register and submit your questions/comments.

Lastly, as the warm weather is now upon us, please remember social distancing and enjoy the sunshine and mild temperatures SAFELY.

As always, **I’m here for you.** By email daisy.waico@pc.ola.org and by phone at 905-880-8484.

Stay home. Stay safe. Stay healthy.

Sincerely,

Daisy Wai, MPP
Richmond Hill

On-Line Town Hall: **Date:** May 13, 2020 **Time:** 11:00am to Noon

RICHMOND HILL ON-LINE TOWN HALL



Hosted by
Daisy Wai, MPP
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**GET THE EDUCATION
UPDATES & INFORMATION
ON "LEARNING-AT-HOME"**



Speaker
Minister of Education

Date
May 13, 2020

Time
11:00am to noon



Have a question for the Minister?
REGISTER NOW!

<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/103981696052>

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DON'T MISS THE OPPORTUNITY!

As a parent myself, I remember how important it was to be updated about changes to the education system when my kids were in school. While I never had to deal with something as disruptive as COVID-19, I am extremely sympathetic, as an elected official but more importantly as a mom, to the hard-working families of our community who will do anything for their kids, and are trying to make the most of what the situation is when it comes to them continuing their educational journey.

That is why I have formally invited the Minister of Education as the guest speaker for my on-line town hall May 13th .

You will have the opportunity to submit a question for the Minister to answer (when you register). The event is completely free of charge, but due to space being limited please be sure to register as we are expecting a full house. I look forward to seeing you all there!

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Spaces Limited! First Come First Served!
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TOGETHER!

ONTARIO WILL HAVE A BRIGHTER FUTURE

The Premier of Ontario has announced over the last couple of weeks, the beginning of planning for the Recovery of Ontario from the Pandemic. I am asking for your comments on how we can make things better and easier for you to be able to go back to work and all the other problems we currently have, while following the framework above. The Premier announced a three-stage base plan that will get us safely back to the new normal.

The Premier outlined that we need two weeks of cases of COVID-19 to be lower than 200 cases a day to be ready for Stage 1.

To download a booklet on the Stages, follow the link below:

<https://www.ontario.ca/page/reopening-ontario-after-covid-19>

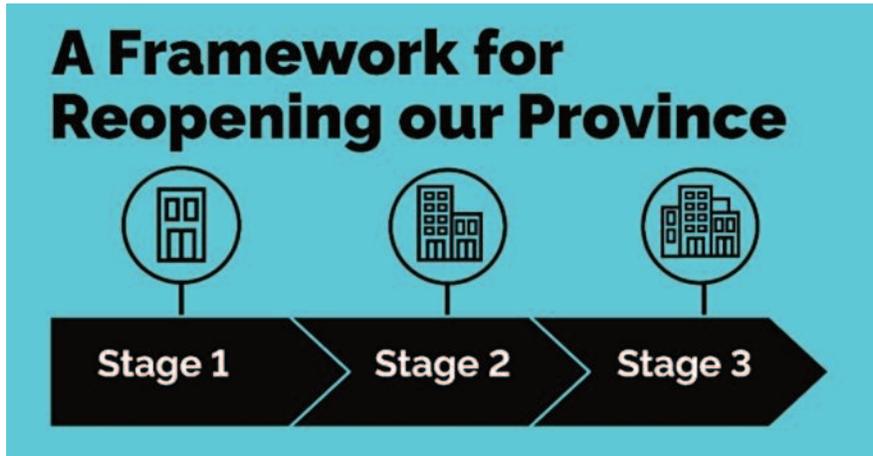
ONTARIO SETS RULES FOR EMPLOYERS

To enable us to work safely, to shop safely, to live safely, on April 30, the government set out some guidelines so that when it is time, businesses can be prepared to open safely. For details it is best to read the Provincial report:

<https://news.ontario.ca/opo/en/2020/04/ontario-providing-employers-with-workplace-safety-guidelines.html>

Detailed guidelines by sector:

[Health and Safety Association Guidance Documents for Workplaces During the COVID-19 Outbreak](#)



STATEMENT FROM MAYOR BARROW **on Ontario's** **“Framework for Reopening Our Province”**

“The challenge we have faced over the past six weeks is unlike anything we have experienced before. I want to once again thank the incredible residents and businesses of Richmond Hill for working alongside the City and doing their part to protect our community against COVID-19. The health of our community remains our top priority throughout this troubling time and will continue to be a priority as we begin the work of reopening. City staff and officials have begun important discussions about how we can recover our economy and ultimately reopen our community in whole. A responsible and united approach is needed as we balance both the health and economic needs of residents and businesses in Richmond Hill, throughout Ontario and across the nation. I am pleased the Ontario government released its framework today to help all municipalities better understand how restrictions may be lifted going forward. The framework will help to shape our local recovery plans, including our ongoing efforts to support businesses through our economic development team and the newly established Recover Richmond Hill Task Force. We will continue to work closely with our provincial partners, as well as our regional public health officials, as we work to restart our community. Recovery will take time. While we look forward to when we can reopen parks and community centres, as noted in the Ontario framework, our steps toward recovery begin with a reduction of new and existing COVID-19 cases. I implore all Richmond Hill residents to keep up your efforts to fight the spread of COVID-19 – maintain physical distancing, practice good hand hygiene and continue to stay home as much as possible.

Together, we will move forward and recover. “

Dave Barrow
Mayor, Richmond Hill

Let us BounceBack into action

You may need help navigating the realities in the wake of Covid-19. With Bounceback you can receive telephone coaching, skill building workbooks and online videos to help you gain new skills to retain a positive mental health.

<https://bouncebackontario.ca/>

A teal rectangular graphic with white text and a white icon of a smartphone with a speech bubble. The text reads "Supporting Ontarians' mental health through COVID-19". Below the graphic, the text "Learn more: bouncebackontario.ca" is visible.

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IS PROUD TO WELCOME THE FINANCE MINISTER OF ONTARIO.

Minister Phillips, Aurora – Oak Ridges – Richmond Hill MPP Michael Parsa and Richmond Hill MPP Daisy Wai will join us for an hour of discussion on Wednesday, **May 6 at 7:00 p.m.**

The Minister wants to hear from Richmond Hill's business community about the challenges we're facing now and the opportunities that lie ahead.

Register now at
<https://bit.ly/RHBOTSpecialEvent>
for this important event.

Because our time with the Minister is limited, please consider submitting questions ahead of time at info@rhbot.ca



Minister of Finance



MPP Michael Parsa
Aurora – Oak Ridges –
Richmond Hill



MPP Daisy Wai
Richmond Hill



RECOVER RICHMOND HILL TASK FORCE

To support the recovery of local economy post COVID-19, the City of Richmond Hill established a Recover Richmond Hill Task Force at the April 22 meeting. The Task Force will work with stakeholders (provincial and federal governments, community agencies, educational institutions, business associations and local businesses) to develop and recommend economic recovery programs to Council on programs and strategies to assist Richmond Hill businesses to recover from the economic impact of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Recover Richmond Hill Task Force includes three members of Council – Ward 2 Councillor Tom Muench, Ward 4 Councillor David West and Ward 6 Councillor Godwin Chan. It will also include one member each from the Richmond Hill Board of Trade (RHBOT), the Richmond Hill Village Business Improvement Association (BIA) and the Markham Richmond Hill and Vaughan Chinese Business Association (MRVCBA), along with a York Region Economic Development representative.

The Recover Richmond Hill Task Force will lead the next phase of the City's economic development response to COVID-19 that will be focused on economic recovery. This will build on the ongoing work with local business to help them navigate closures as well as produce products and services needed to fight the pandemic. Multiple Richmond Hill businesses are pivoting their production to medical supplies needed to fight COVID-19 and staff has helped them to connect to resources and with federal and provincial representatives to receive the needed approvals. The City has also been helping retailers and restaurants to transition to online and takeout sales to help minimize the impact on local business.

The City of Richmond Hill will offer video conference consultations to individual and support to business community. Business support resources are shared online at RichmondHill.ca/BusinessHelp as well as a list of local **Businesses Making a Difference** as part of the community's response to COVID-19.

CONSUMER ALERT:

Beware Of Scams During COVID19 Emergency



While the vast, vast majority of Ontarians have been embodying the values of being neighbourly, kind, and sympathetic to one another during this crisis, there's unfortunately been a few bad apples. I find this kind of behaviour abhorrent, so I thought I'd share the best prevention tips. Together we can make sure that the less successful scams there are, the better.

The Ontario Energy Board (OEB) is aware of increasing efforts by scam artists attempting to take advantage of consumer uncertainty during this COVID-19 emergency. The OEB has taken steps to ensure that the power to your home or low-volume small business **cannot be disconnected** for non-payment by your utility until July 31, 2020. If you receive a message, text or phone call from someone posing as a utility representative and threatening to disconnect your power, do not respond to it - **contact your utility directly** using the telephone number displayed on your bill.

- Beware of messages with COVID-19 in the subject line and claiming to be from your utility. There have been several reports of emails, texts and websites sharing fake information about bill relief programs, refunds and alternative payment methods during the COVID-19 emergency.
- Protect your personal information – Do not feel compelled to share your personal information. Your utility bill is private. It contains personal information like your account number and energy usage.
- Remain vigilant and continue to use safe web browsing and email practices. Make sure you are accessing a safe and trusted source such as the utility's website or call centre telephone number exactly as displayed on your bill.

Consumers with questions or concerns about any suspicious communications claiming to be from their utility are also encouraged to contact the OEB.

Call 1-877-632-2727 (toll-free within Ontario) or 416-314-2455 (within GTA)