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## **MEDIA RELEASE**

### **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

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### **Tay Community Rink opened for shade and Fire Ban Issued in Tay Township**

**Tay, Ontario** – With the recent streak of 30 degree, dry weather that is expected to last another week, Tay Township has opened the Tay Community Rink for community members seeking shade and relief from the hot weather. Fire Chief Brian Thomas has also issued a fire ban, prohibiting any outdoor burning at this time due to the dry conditions. The Tay fire ban is concurrent with fire bans being issued in Midland, Penetanguishene and Tiny as a result of the dry conditions throughout the region.

Community members seeking relief from the hot weather are invited to spend some time at the Tay Community Rink or one of Tay's many parks. Picnic tables have been set out under the enormous cover of the NHL-sized Tay Community Rink to support physical distancing. The washrooms in the nearby concession building have also been opened.

Tay's many parks offer plenty of shade for those seeking relief, too. While the parks have some picnic tables and washroom facilities as well, it is recommended that those seeking shade bring along a lawn chair to setup in their preferred park location.

Park users are reminded to continue to practise physical distancing to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

*Tay Fire and Emergency Services is committed to protecting the life and property of Tay residents. Fire Chief Brian Thomas, Deputy Fire Chief Shawn Aymer, and 66+ dedicated volunteer firefighters operate from four fire stations. The fire department responds to an average of 270 calls per year and serves 10,000 residents in a 139-square kilometer area.*

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