

# A Message



## From Mayor Marc Bondy

April 27, 2020

Hello residents of LaSalle,

As we continue into our new temporary situation, I hope that everyone is doing well.

In the past week, our thoughts have been with Nova Scotia in their time of loss with the tragic death of 22 Canadians. Words cannot express our sorrow for the victims and their families.

We continue to say a sincere thank you to our first responders, nurses, doctors, EMS, restaurants, grocery store employees and all who are working hard to care for and support our community. Likewise, we thank the members of LaSalle Police Service for protecting and keeping our community safe. We recently finished our 2019 LaSalle Police Service Report and our officers responded to approximately 12,000 calls during the year. We are proud to be the only municipality with independent police services in Essex County.

So far, we have missed the storms and winds and have not had severe flooding. Let's hope for the best in the coming months, as the lake levels are expected to peak in June/July. I remind our residents to be prepared in advance: sandbags are available for those affected by flooding, and make your plan in case an evacuation is issued. For information, please visit [www.lasalle.ca/flood](http://www.lasalle.ca/flood)

As a reminder, the boat ramp remains closed and fishing is prohibited on public property, as our parks are closed except for walk-through access. This is part of the Town's Emergency Declaration to support the province and health unit's directives to stay home. We will continue to follow the directives of the Windsor Essex County Health Unit for the safety of our residents.

I read something interesting from Donald Cooper, International Management Speaker, and would like to share it with you: we are in the same storm, but we are far from all being in the same boat. For some, shutdown and quarantine is a staycation in sweats and flip flops, while many are putting their lives at risk to save others or to keep us fed and comfortable. For many, it's a desperate financial and family crisis. Let's help, who, when and where we can.

Finally, a reminder to those requiring assistance on water and tax bills; please call the Finance Department at 519-969-7770, ext. 1230 for direction. Stay safe, stay well and please continue to stay home.

Mayor Marc Bondy