



## **WASAUKSING FIRST NATION SOCIAL SERVICES** ***Responds to COVID-19 Pandemic-March 25<sup>th</sup> 2020***

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**Wasauksing First Nation-** The Social Services Department is taking measures to protect our community members and staff during the COVID-19 Pandemic.

These measures include closing the ONTARIO WORKS office. Any individuals seeking services of Wasauksing First Nation Ontario Works are advised to Email directly or call the number listed below and leave a message.

Individuals receiving social assistance payments are ***strongly urged to set up Direct Deposit*** if they haven't already done so, to help avoid any complications in receiving their benefits.

### **ESSENTIAL SERVICES THAT WILL CONTINUE INCLUDE:**

- Issuing of social assistance payments. Please note that these payments will not be disrupted. Income statements during the COVID-19 Pandemic are not being requested.
- All applications will be completed over the telephone.
- For people not currently receiving social assistance and facing a crisis or may be waiting for the new COVID-19 support from the federal government, there is expanded access to emergency assistance.

Anyone requiring assistance please use the following contacts;

### **CONTACT INFORMATION:**

- Main Administration Office line: **705-746-2531**
- Director of Social Services: **Ext. 2265** or Email [dohss@wasauksing.ca](mailto:dohss@wasauksing.ca)
- Ontario Works Intake Worker: **Ext. 2268** or Email [owinc@wasauksing.ca](mailto:owinc@wasauksing.ca)
- Ontario Works Employment Worker: **Ext. 2222** or Email [owemp@wasauksing.ca](mailto:owemp@wasauksing.ca)

Please leave a message for Debbie King if you need to use the Food Bank at United Church.

As the situation evolves, further updates will be posted regularly on the Wasauksing website at: [wasauksing.ca](http://wasauksing.ca)