

June 2 2020 Unable to open yet

As we enter June, Bass and Musky season just around the corner, Charlene and I have reached out to all parties who could possibly offer any insight into the tourism industry. Our main lobbying organization; Noto, our local Ministry of Health and the local Ontario Provincial Police Detachment, as well as the local Member of Provincial Parliaments office and other stakeholders in the industry have all been contacted. As some as you may already now, the State of Emergency for Ontario has been extended now until June 30th 2020. We watch and listen in anticipation daily to Ontario's Premier Doug Ford and his updates for news pertaining to our specific industry and all we can say is that we are still on the list of non-essential businesses and are unable to rent cabins or boats.

The Restaurant could be opened for take-out but not viable obviously with no one in camp, the general store and restrooms therefore remain closed. Our Marina is able to open to guests which have privately owned cottages on the lake which includes our launch and gas facilities by calling ahead to either cell Char 705-690-7689 or Frank 705-929-3334.

We will remain closed to drive in business for parking and launching or crown land camping access for the time being and recommend if you wish to due crown land camping with your own boat you may access the waters through Sucker creek Landing, a municipal launch for parking and launching at no fee. This will give you access to West Bay and West Arm of Lake Nipissing.

We were hopeful that with the announcement of crown land camping restrictions being lifted June 1st and some parks from the province opening June 14th, that the government would allow us to open by doing so within the constraints from the Ministry of Health and be able to offer accommodations to families living under the same roof and / or groups of no larger than 5. But this is not the case so far.

We are all anxiously waiting on the daily for any update for our industry. As long as the cases of Covid-19 keep going down in Ontario and testing stays up, then opening of more sectors of business may hopefully come sooner than later. The Premier has now discussed briefly a plan to possibly open up regionally but has offered no details as to what this would look like or involve.

We have reached out to a few upcoming reservations to get some customer feedback. For folks with upcoming stays we encourage you to call us as time nears closer to your dates so that we can either move your stay to a later date in this season or as some have done postpone to next season.

As for our guests from the U.S the border closure is still in effect to leisure travel until June 20th and expect to hear some discussion on an extension if applicable by June 15th to 17th.

We wish that everyone stays healthy and safe and think and dream about fishing at Memquisit, naturally. As soon as we get any hint that we can possibly due business within whatever constraints set forth, we are going to be on it like a bass on a frog!!