



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Emergency Road Closure – 3rd Line EHS

MONO, ON (May 24, 2021) – Under the authority of the Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act, Mayor Laura Ryan issued an emergency road closure today. 3rd Line EHS, from County Road 8 to 15 Sideroad in the Town of Mono was closed at approximately 11 a.m. today.

This road closure applies to all but emergency vehicles or those travelling to or from a property on this road. The order makes it an offence to travel, stop or park on this road section for any reason other than an emergency or as noted above. Police and bylaw enforcement officers are enforcing the order which remains in effect until rescinded.

Mayor Ryan issued this order in response to the overwhelming volume of traffic, mostly headed to Mono Cliffs Provincial Park. OPP and bylaw enforcement officers have been out all weekend enforcing no parking zones and generally working to ensure that roads are safe and passible. Over 200 parking tickets were issued yesterday.

The segment of road affected by this order is a particularly narrow and winding road and is not designed to accommodate the number of cars that are trying to park, which is why Mayor Ryan issued the order. Over 150 cars parked on the road yesterday which would have hampered emergency vehicles if they needed to get through. *“Closing the road is the best way to ensure the safety of residents and visitors. Once parked, people were then crossing County Road 8 to get to Mono Cliffs Park, right at an S-bend which is itself a hazard.”* said Mayor Ryan.

Recognizing that large crowds would likely be coming to visit Mono parks, as walking is one of the few outlets available to people under the current Stay-at-Home order, Mono Council instituted a range of parking measures over the last several months including hiring more bylaw enforcement officers. While Mono Cliffs Provincial Park is seeing the greatest influx of visitors, other parks have not been immune. Hockley Valley Nature Reserve and Island Lake Conservation Area are dealing with the same issues. And like Mono Cliffs, the problems are spilling onto Town roads. Council will be discussing the fallout from this weekend’s traffic at their meeting on Tuesday morning.

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I, Laura Ryan, Mayor, issue this Order under the authority of the Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. E.9 as a State of Emergency is deemed to exist and was declared to exist in the Town of Mono on March 31, 2020 due to the COVID-19 global pandemic.

Due to unprecedented traffic, including vehicles parking within the road allowance, the safety of people and vehicles is in jeopardy.

This Order establishes an Emergency Road Closure on 3rd Line EHS from County Road 8 to 15 Sideroad in the Town of Mono. This Order makes it an offence for the public to travel this road for purposes other than an emergency or to travel to or from a property on this section of road.

This Order makes it an offence to park or stop on this road for reasons other than an emergency.

This Order may be enforced by OPP and Town of Mono Municipal Bylaw Enforcement Officers.

This Order takes effect immediately and remains in effect until rescinded.

DATED this 24th day of May, 2021 at 1100 hours.

Fred Simpson, Clerk on behalf of Mayor Laura Ryan