



# Memo

**To: Orangeville and Mono Councils**

**From: Credit Valley Conservation (CVC)**

**Date: June 2, 2021**

**Re: Temporary No Parking and No Entry Signage on Hurontario Street South**

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Dear Council and Staff,

As we move into the second summer season of the pandemic, visitation continues to increase at Island Lake Conservation Area.

CVC continues to follow local Public Health Guidelines and has implemented parking capacity restrictions at the Conservation Area. With these restrictions in place, we have temporarily closed the park's front gates, regularly between 10 a.m. – 6 p.m., for the past two weekends. As a result, we are experiencing long lineups outside the front gates. Visitors are parking on both the east and west sides of Hurontario Street South while waiting to get into the Conservation Area, even though our staff are asking them to move on and visit another park.

We have consistently worked with residents that are affected by these lineups and they have been very understanding. However, it is of our opinion that a collaborative approach with our Municipal partners would produce the ideal solution for affected residents, to mitigate illegal parking along Hurontario Street for approximately 200m of roadway south of Island Lake's front gates.

We are recommending that both the Town of Orangeville and the Town of Mono install temporary "No Parking" signage on their sides of the road, until at least Step 3 of the Provincial Re-Opening plan (August). It is imperative that both sides of the road are signed at the same time, as doing one without the other will create issues for the other Municipality.

Credit Valley Conservation is also working with the Town of Mono to have temporary signage installed (as needed i.e. when the park is full) at the corner of Buena Vista Drive and Hurontario Street South that states: "Park Full, No Entry to Island Lake Conservation

Area". Our strategy is to discourage visitors from turning onto Hurontario Street South when the park's front gates have been closed for capacity restrictions.

Starting June 4<sup>th</sup> CVC is moving to summer operating hours at Island Lake Conservation Area:

Monday to Friday 7am-9pm

Weekends and Holidays 6am to 9pm

Larger group gathering will not be considered until at least Step 2 (July) of the Provincial Re-opening plan.

Thank you kindly for your consideration, we look forward to working with you,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Bill Lidster".

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