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### To Our Valued Membership

As the nice weather and signs of summer arrive, this time of year is usually a very busy and exciting time for us as we prepare for the upcoming Timbits and Recreational outdoor soccer season. As you all know, this year has been like no other.

While Ontario Soccer are currently developing and seeking input on “return to play” guidelines, they announced today that the mandated suspension of all sanctioned soccer activity is being extended from May 31<sup>st</sup> 2020 to June 30<sup>th</sup> 2020. This mandate will continue to be subject to change based on advice Ontario Soccer will receive from the Ontario government and our health officials as well as Soccer Canada.

While the hope and desire to return to play this summer exists in us all, much uncertainty remains. We are now facing an early July start for any programs. Assuming restrictions will be lifted and we are allowed to play, we continue to question if parents will feel it is safe enough to allow their child to participate? We currently do not know if any restrictions around group sizes will be required, which will affect our plans for team creation and scheduling. Will players be restricted to a single parent/guardian in attendance? If so, how can this be enforced on the field to ensure compliance and safety?

Further adding to the uncertainty, the Town released a statement on May 6<sup>th</sup> indicating that all outdoor permits are cancelled through to the end of summer (August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2020). The Town are taking this measure in the interest of public safety. For the soccer club and our membership, this means town fields that we normally rent for our programs, will not be available to us. The soccer club supports the Town’s decision, as safety must come first, and we take this as a further measure of the uncertainty that still exists. The full details and notice from the Town is available here – [\[View the BWG Statement\]](#)

### Cancellation of Summer 2020 Timbits & Recreational Soccer Programs

As a result of the ongoing uncertainty of COVID19 and associated public safety concerns, the continued Ontario Soccer suspension of soccer activities until June 30<sup>th</sup>, and the Town cancellation of field permits, the Bradford Soccer Club Board of Director team has made the difficult decision to **cancel the outdoor Timbits and Recreational Soccer Programs**.

The Director team feel that planning for a quality season is not possible at this time given all the unknown factors. For those that have registered and paid, refunds will be processed throughout the month of May. Credit card payments will be refunded back to the credit card used if you have registered online. If you registered in person, cheques will be printed and mailed.

We sincerely regret not being able to provide our Timbits and Recreational programs to the community this summer, but trust everyone understands the impact current circumstances is having on the planning cycle, which will prevent us from delivering a quality program. Please direct any questions or concerns to [operations@bradfordsoccer.com](mailto:operations@bradfordsoccer.com).

The Club does have some exciting news coming this summer; please connect with us on social media [\[Facebook\]](#) [\[Instagram\]](#) [\[Twitter\]](#) to keep informed, or our website [www.bradfordsoccer.com](http://www.bradfordsoccer.com) .

Thank you and stay safe!

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