Hello Cambridge Minor Lacrosse members,

On behalf of the CMLA Board of Directors, I hope that this letter finds you and your families safe and doing well. The last year has been full of challenges for everyone, and the lacrosse community is no different. Usually, we are well into our box lacrosse season at this time of year and getting ready for tournament weekends to begin. This year continues to be different as we continue to battle the covid-19 pandemic.

As you probably have heard, the Ontario Government announced the latest plan to start re-opening the Province. You can find the specific details here. <https://news.ontario.ca/en/backgrounder/1000159/roadmap-to-reopen> . We have spent the last day working on reviewing this plan and what it means to box lacrosse. We have also been in contact with the City of Cambridge, who have helped clarify the impact of this announcement. The city has confirmed that the earliest indoor facilities will open sports is during Step 3 of the re-opening plan. At the earliest, this is the last week of July, which is the end of a regular season. This was not the update we were all hoping for. Still, we respect the Province’s decision and priority on gradually re-opening the Province with everyone’s safety as the top priority.

We have begun work as a board and are engaged with the city to explore alternative options to run some form of return to action program when it is safe to do so. We are exploring possibilities of renting outdoor fields when the Province enters step 2 (the earliest would be the first week of July) so we could run skills and drills sessions outdoors while abiding by the provincial limitations. The discussions are still early to see if this is a possibility.

I know that this is disappointing for everyone as we were all looking forward to getting back on the floor. As much as this setback is frustrating, it is our top priority to ensure everyone’s safety and to respect the guidelines put in place by the Provincial government.

Keep an eye on our social media pages and website for communications on upcoming programming over the next month as we work through our planning. Additionally, we will send out communications via email to existing members who have your contact details as information become available.

If you have any questions, please direct them to questions@cambridgeminorlacrosse.com, and we will do our best to answer them with the information we have.

Again, thank you for your patience as we work through this. We will be back soon! Stay safe and continue to work on your skills in anticipation of the upcoming return to lacrosse.

Yours in Lacrosse,

Jason Whissell

President, CMLA