



# **SHELburne POLICE SERVICE**

203 Main Street East Unit 1 Shelburne, Ontario L9V3K8

519-925-3312

PC Jennifer Roach – Media Relations Officer

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

April 1, 2020

### **Shelburne Police Service offers tips to business owners to reduce opportunity for theft**

Due to the provincial response to the COVID-19 situation many local businesses deemed “non-essential” have been closed. The Shelburne Police Service would like to offer tips to reduce risk to business owners who have had to shut down their operations. First and foremost all cash should be removed from the premises and anything valuable removed from plain view. It is also recommended that a thorough cleaning of windows and floors take place and a log kept of when it was done, so that investigating officers will have a timeline if a break-in should happen.

The Shelburne Police Service also suggests the following:

- Remove all valuables from storefront displays.
- Remove all cash from tills and leave them open with the cash tray out and visibly empty.
- Ensure alarm systems are working and contact lists are up to date.
- Keep some lighting on inside or consider timers if possible.
- Ensure all windows and doors are locked and secure.
- Ensure all exterior lighting is functioning and on. Consider motion sensor lights as another option.
- Remove any material on the outside that could be used to gain entry (bricks, ladders, poles or construction materials).
- Regularly check the building and keep a log of when you check. Try to vary the times that you attend.

Shelburne Police Media Officer PC Jennifer Roach states that “It is unfortunate that anyone would be using the COVID-19 situation as an opportunity to victimize others. However, knowing that those people are out there we all have to do our part to reduce their criminal opportunities”.