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Please Note: We have been made aware that subscribers received multiple copies of yesterday's newsletter. This was due to a technical error. We sincerely apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused.

COVID-19 UPDATE #105

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MUNICIPAL UPDATES

TOTAL FIRE BAN - Effective immediately, the Town of Carleton Place is under a **TOTAL FIRE BAN** due to extremely dry conditions, hot weather and low water levels. This burn ban restricts the use of any open air burning which means **NO CAMPFIRES!** Any devices that are designed to cook food with wood pellets or charcoal, such as smokers or grills, are permitted for use. Any cooking devices, outdoor fireplaces and fuel-fired appliances that use propane or natural gas are also exempt from the burn ban.

Why are we implementing a fire ban?

- Drought conditions have caused extremely dry conditions which increase the chances of a rapid spread of fire
- Severe heat conditions may limit the Fire Department's ability to provide services and exposes firefighters to increased health risks including heat stroke and fatigue

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact the Fire Department at 613-257-5526. For an emergency, call 9-1-1!

This ban will remain in effect until conditions have improved. We will update residents when the ban is lifted.



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Heat Wave Cooling Centres – The Town will be providing a Cooling Centre for residents who require relief from the heat:

- Friday, July 10th, the Cooling Centre will be in the Bob Rintoul Hall at the Neelin Street Community Centre (Arena) from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- Next week, Monday, July 13th to Thursday, July 17th, it will be at the Library on Beckwith Street. The Library is open Monday and Tuesday: 10:30 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., and Wednesday and Thursday 10:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Anyone attending a cooling centre will be required to wear a face covering/mask.

Town Hires New Director of Public Works - The Corporation of the Town of Carleton Place is pleased to announce that Guy Bourgon has been hired as the Town's new Director of Public Works. Mr. Bourgon will begin his employment with the Town on Monday, July 13th. His hiring follows the retirement of former Director of Public Works Dave Young. Please visit the [Town's website](#) for the full news release.

PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT UPDATES

Ontario Extends Emergency Orders - The Ontario government, in consultation with Ontario's Chief Medical Officer of Health, has extended all emergency orders currently in force that were made under s.7.0.2(4) of the *Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act* to July 22nd, 2020. The extension was made to ensure the province maintains the necessary flexibility to protect public health and safety as more businesses reopen and people go back to work.

OTHER UPDATES

Heat Warning - Due to extremely high temperatures and humidex levels expected over the next several days the Health Unit would like to remind everyone to be cautious as the combination of heat and high humidity can be hazardous to your health. Conditions during high heat and humidity have the potential to cause dehydration, heat exhaustion, heat stroke and in some cases death. During a Heat Warning, the public is strongly encouraged to check on a neighbour or a friend who may have a greater risk of suffering negative health consequences from the heat and humidity. For more information on how to protect your health during extreme heat, visit the [Exposure to Hot/Cold Temperatures](#) page on the Health Unit's website.



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Low Water conditions developing with ongoing heatwave - Due to hot, dry weather, flows in rivers and streams have been slowly dropping over the past month. This has led to below average conditions throughout the watershed for this time of year. Most of the upper lakes in the watershed are at summer target levels but evaporation could become a significant concern if current conditions persist. This is expected given what little rainfall is in the current forecasts.

The Mississippi Valley Conservation Authority (MVCA) is currently mobilizing the Mississippi Valley Low Water Response Team and is anticipating declaring a Level I Low Water Condition in the next week.

Residents *outside* the City of Ottawa are strongly urged to reduce their consumption of ground and surface water. Residents are encouraged to conserve water by capturing precipitation using rain barrels to water lawns and gardens, and to avoid using pressure washers. Please check your local municipalities' website for current water usage restrictions.

A significant rainfall over a large portion of the watershed will be required to return the watershed to normal conditions.

This Watershed Conditions Statement is valid through July 17th, 2020. Additional statements will be issued when or if conditions are expected to change significantly from this outlook.

Daily water levels and flows are available on the MVCA website at <http://mvc.on.ca/water-levels/>

