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COVID-19 UPDATE #78

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MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT UPDATES

Pride Month Acknowledgment from Mayor Doug Black

The month of June is nationally recognized as Pride Month in Canada. In Carleton Place we normally honour the occasion with a flag ceremony at the Town Hall. However, due to Covid-19, the Carleton Place Pride Committee requested public celebrations be moved to September this year.

I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge how inspired I am by the LGBTQ community and their unwavering commitment to advocate for the protection of basic human rights and equality. Also, to the Carleton Place Pride Committee for your continued efforts to make Carleton Place such a progressive and inclusive community where everyone feels welcome. Thank you for continuing to include me in your festivities. I look forward to a time when we can gather and celebrate as a community.

Sincerely,
Mayor Doug Black

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT UPDATES

Prime Minister Trudeau announced [support to help Canadians with disabilities](#) deal with extra expenses during the pandemic.



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PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT UPDATES

Short term rentals including lodges, cabins, cottages, homes, condominiums and B&Bs will be allowed to resume operations in Ontario starting June 5 at 12:01 a.m. Further information will be released as it becomes available.

OTHER UPDATES

Leeds, Grenville and Lanark District Health Unit

Safe Activism - When we feel passionate about something, standing up and joining others is a powerful way to be heard. Peaceful marches and vigils against racial injustices are taking place locally. If you plan to join other people in person be sure to practice physical distancing, wear a cloth mask or face covering, practice hand hygiene and respiratory etiquette. Consider using signs or noisemakers instead of shouting to reduce spread of infection by droplets. For those who are staying at home due to COVID-19, you can show your support on social media. Staying at home is especially important for those who are more vulnerable to COVID-19. Please stay at home if you are sick.

Health Unit reports high number of deaths from overdoses - Six people have died, likely from a fentanyl overdose, in the Leeds, Grenville and Lanark area in the past two months. This is the same number of deaths as are usually seen over an entire year. During May, the hospitals have also seen an increase of people presenting to the emergency department with an overdose.

Harm reduction supplies (single use equipment and naloxone) and further access to services and referrals will continue to be offered throughout Leeds, Grenville and Lanark during the COVID-19 pandemic. Please visit the [Health Unit website](#) for more information.

Mississippi Valley Conservation Authority

Orchid Viewing A Go with COVID-19 Restrictions in Place - The highly popular Purdon Conservation Area, home to Canada's largest colony of Showy Lady's Slipper orchids, will be open for the 2020 bloom season. However, due to government restrictions in response to COVID-19, Mississippi Valley Conservation Authority (MVCA) has put [measures in place](#) to help protect the health and safety of all visitors and staff.

