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COVID-19 UPDATE #52

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The Town of Carleton Place continues to monitor new information regarding the COVID-19 pandemic.

MUNICIPAL UPDATES

Open Air Burn Ban - The Fire Department will be lifting the burn ban for the Town of Carleton Place **starting Thursday, May 7th, 2020**. Open air burning is regulated under the Town of Carleton Place Open Air Burning By-law. The ban was put in place to prevent the rapid spread of fire due to the dry grass and brush exposed after the snow melt and to reduce the Fire Department's potential exposure to COVID-19. The recent rainfall and warmer days have made conditions safer for outdoor fires in permitted areas.

Recreation & Culture Department - As we look towards the Fall and Winter months of 2020/2021, we would love to get your input on what programming you would like to see presented through the Carleton Place Recreation & Culture Department. [Our survey](#) will take under 3 minutes and is anonymous. Please [contact us](#) if you would like to discuss your ideas further, or if you'd like to lead a program! Thank you in advance!

PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT UPDATES

Starting today, the Ontario government is [expanding virtual mental health services](#) to help thousands of Ontarians experiencing anxiety and depression, including frontline health care workers, during the COVID-19 outbreak.



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OTHER UPDATES

Lanark County

The Ottawa Valley Recreational Trail remains open during this time, but users are reminded to please exercise etiquette. Remember to follow physical distancing guidelines (stay at least 2 metres from others). As well, users are reminded that dirt bikes and motorcycles are strictly prohibited. See the [trail rules](#) for more information. Stay safe!

Local agencies have collaborated to provide [temporary self-isolation centres](#) in two (2) communities for people in precarious housing situations. One is for individuals who are COVID19 positive, and the other is for non-symptomatic individuals.

Mississippi Valley Conservation Authority

Flows in the major tributaries of the Mississippi River watershed have been slowly and steadily returning to normal. Water levels on lakes across the watershed are at or slightly above their summer target levels. No flooding is expected; however, the watershed will be susceptible to late spring storms over the next few weeks that may result in fluctuating water levels. Daily water levels and flows are available on the [MVCA website](#).

