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COVID-19 UPDATE #61

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MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT UPDATES

Update from Mayor Black

Today, Mayor Doug Black [provided a video update](#) that touched on topics such as the municipal boat launch, parks and recreation, the lifting of the Carleton Place fire ban, a status update on municipal childcare as well as some community matters.

Carleton Place Public Library Development Plan to Resume Specific Services

As per the Government of Ontario's May 14th released detailed list of Stage 1 openings, public library services may resume for delivery and pickup as early as May 19, 2020.

While Carleton Place Public Library (CPPL) truly appreciates that library services are valued by the community, CPPL is delaying an immediate launch of such services until processes and measures have been fully developed to ensure our staff and patrons' health and safety during these uncertain times.

“While work on these processes and procurement of necessary supplies has already begun, we are not yet in a place where we can predict exactly how, where and when these services will be rolled out,” says Meriah Caswell, CPPL Chief Librarian. “The Library will continue to keep everyone informed as decisions are made and plans confirmed. We truly miss our patrons and want to ensure they are enjoying CPPL digital resources and services while staying healthy.”

Above all, CPPL is here for you! For any questions or concerns, staff are responding to emails from Monday to Friday, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. Please email library@carletonplace.ca. For more information and updates, please visit www.carletonplacelibrary.ca.





FEDERAL GOVERNMENT UPDATES

Prime Minister Trudeau announced [\\$450 million in funding](#) to help Canada's academic research community during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Finance Minister Bill Morneau announced that the Government of Canada will [extend the Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy](#) by an additional 12 weeks to August 29, 2020. Extending the program will give workers greater confidence that they will continue to get the support they need during these difficult times.

OTHER UPDATES

Lanark County Homeownership Program 2020/2021

If you are in the market for a new home but need help with your down payment, the Lanark County Home Ownership Program might be for you! More information is available on the [County's website](#) on this forgivable loan. The County will begin accepting applications on Monday, May 19, 2020.

Mississippi Valley Conservation Authority – Reopening Areas for Public Use

After weeks of closure, Mississippi Valley Conservation Authority (MVCA) is [reopening all five of its conservation areas for public use on Saturday, May 16](#). To ensure the safety of the community, only walking trails are open at this time. Bathrooms and buildings are closed for the time being including the R. Tait McKenzie and Dr. James Naismith Museums.

Leeds, Grenville and Lanark District Health Unit

On May 14, the Ontario Government announced some re-opening strategies for businesses and a plan to start [Stage 1](#) on Tuesday, May 18. The Health Unit has recently published a fact sheet on the [COVID-19 page](#) of our website with some guidelines that will help to get your business thinking about public health measures that need to be taken when re-opening.

If you are a business owner and you're wondering if you can open, we strongly encourage you to seek clarification with the Ontario Essential Services **Stop the Spread Business Information Line** at 1-888-444-3659. You can find information about what [procedures your business must have in place prior to opening](#) on the Province's website.

