



CP SCOOP – April 1st, 2021

MUNICIPAL UPDATES

Municipal Facilities Closed to the Public – To comply with the Provincial Emergency Break period, the Town Hall will be closed to the public as of Tuesday, April 6th, 2021. Even though the facility will be closed to the public, all departments are open for business. Please [contact staff by phone or email](#).

Payments Owing to the Town - For any payments owing to the Town, options include online or telephone banking, mailing a cheque to the Town Hall or dropping off a payment in the mail slot at the Police Station located at 15 Coleman Street. We encourage residents to use these means of payment if at all possible. Town Hall does offer payment via credit card, however, there is a 3% service charge on the value of the payment to recover costs. Please call 613-257-6200 to use this service.

With respect to parking tickets already issued, the timelines for payment and/or options to address the infraction can be found on the back of the ticket. These timelines are mandated by the Province.

For amounts owing for taxes and water, we encourage payment by the means noted above if at all possible.

Municipal Childcare Facilities – Care will continue as scheduled at both the Carambeck and Francis Street locations.

Recreation Facilities Closed - To comply with the Provincial Emergency Break period, the following facilities will be closed:

- Carleton Place Arena;
- Carleton Place Pool;
- Carleton Place Canoe Club;
- The Station Active Living Centre.

Carleton Place Public Library Curbside Service - The Library will continue to offer contactless curbside pickup services. Holds can be placed at www.carletonplacelibrary.ca or by calling the library at 613-257-2702. Book bundles, interlibrary loans, and digital services such as Libby and Hoopla will continue uninterrupted. Information about how to use curbside pickup services can be found at www.carletonplacelibrary.ca/curbside-pickup-services/. The Library will offer computer, printer, and scanner access by appointment beginning Tuesday, April 6th. Please call the library at 613-257-2702 to book an appointment.

PROVINCIAL UPDATES

Ontario Implements Provincewide Emergency Brake - All 34 Public Health Unit regions to move into shutdown - The Ontario government, in consultation with the Chief Medical Officer of Health and other health experts, is imposing a [province-wide emergency brake](#) as a result of an alarming surge in case numbers and COVID-19 hospitalizations across the province. The province-wide emergency brake will be effective Saturday, April 3rd, 2021, at 12:01 a.m., and the government intends to keep this in place for at least four (4) weeks.

The province-wide emergency brake would put in place time-limited public health and workplace safety measures to help to stop the rapid transmission of COVID-19 variants in communities, protect hospital capacity and save lives. Measures include, but are not limited to:

- Prohibiting indoor organized public events and social gatherings and limiting the capacity for outdoor organized public events or social gatherings to a 5-person maximum, except for gatherings with members of the same household (the people you live with) or gatherings of members of one (1) household and one (1) other person from another household who lives alone.
- Restricting in-person shopping in all retail settings, including a 50 percent capacity limit for supermarkets, grocery stores, convenience stores, indoor farmers' markets, other stores that primarily sell food and pharmacies, and 25 percent for all other retail including big box stores, along with other public health and workplace safety measures;
- Prohibiting personal care services;
- Prohibiting indoor and outdoor dining. Restaurants, bars and other food or drink establishments will be permitted to operate by take-out, drive-through, and delivery only;
- Prohibiting the use of facilities for indoor or outdoor sports and recreational fitness (e.g., gyms) with very limited exceptions;
- Requiring day camps to close; and,
- Limiting capacity at weddings, funerals, and religious services, rites or ceremonies to 15 percent occupancy per room indoors, and to the number of individuals that can maintain two metres of physical distance outdoors. This does not include social gatherings associated with these services such as receptions, which are not permitted indoors and are limited to five people outdoors.

On the advice of the Chief Medical Officer of Health, all Ontarians are asked to limit trips outside the home to necessities such as food, medication, medical appointments, supporting vulnerable community members, or exercising outdoors with members of their household. Employers in all industries should make every effort to allow employees to work from home.

The current [COVID-19 Response Framework: Keeping Ontario Safe and Open](#), will be paused when the provincewide emergency brake comes into effect. The impacts of these time-limited measures will be evaluated throughout the next four (4) weeks to determine if it is safe to lift any restrictions or if they need to be extended. With more than \$1.6 billion invested to protect against COVID-19, schools remain safe for students and staff. Keeping schools open is critical to the mental health and well-being of Ontario youth. During the emergency shutdown, schools will remain open for in-person learning with strict safety measures in place. The spring break will continue as planned for the week of April 12th. In order to support working families, child care will remain open during the shutdown. Child care settings will continue to adhere to stringent health and safety measures so that they remain safe places for children and staff.

Ontario Expanding Pharmacy and Primary Care Locations for COVID-19 Vaccinations - Locations across the province offering AstraZeneca vaccine to individuals aged 55+ - The

Ontario government is steadily increasing capacity in its COVID-19 vaccine rollout with the addition of [over 350 additional pharmacies](#) and more primary care settings across the province. All of these locations will be offering the AstraZeneca vaccine to individuals aged 55 and over, with some locations to begin offering the vaccine as early as Saturday, April 3rd, 2021.

OTHER UPDATES

Lanark County OVRT Opening to All Users - Please be advised that the Ottawa Valley Recreational Trail (OVRT) will be open to all users effective Saturday, April 3rd, 2021.

As previously communicated, in accordance with the OVRT Trail Management Plan, the trail was closed to motorized users on March 16th to allow for the annual spring dry out.

For further information and rules regarding the OVRT: web: www.ottawavalleytrail.com, email: trails@lanarkcounty.ca, phone: 613-267-1353.

Leeds, Grenville & Lanark District Health Unit - Province Hits Emergency Brake: How this Affects LGL - Today the government of Ontario announced that the entire province will be going into a [province-wide emergency brake](#) shut down as of Saturday, April 3rd, 2021. This regulation will be in effect for four (4) weeks.

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In line with the decrease in the number of new infections in the Perth Smiths Falls area, the [Section 22 Order](#) for these communities is rescinded effective today. The Section 22 Order reduced opportunities for people to gather and have close, unprotected contact with others outside their household in public and private facilities and cases have reduced in these communities.

“It is important for everyone to follow public health measures over this April long-weekend, and beyond, to keep children in schools and the community safe,” says Dr. Paula Stewart, Medical Officer of Health for the Leeds, Grenville and Lanark District Health Unit. “Please avoid travel to other regions and avoid having family or friends travel to see you. Be COVID-SMART”

- S - [Self-isolate](#) if you have [symptoms of COVID-19](#). Consider [getting tested](#).
- M - [Mask/face covering](#) on properly when in enclosed public spaces and when physical distancing is a challenge outdoors.
- A - Avoid touching your face.
- R - Remain 2 metres/6 feet apart from people not part of your household – avoid play dates, and other close social contact. Social gatherings with anyone you don't live with are strongly discouraged.
- T - Twenty (20) seconds for regular [hand hygiene](#). Cover your coughs and sneezes.

For more information about COVID-19, visit: <https://healthunit.org/health-information/covid-19/business-re-opening/framework/> or call 1-800-660-5853.

BeADonor Month Shines a Spotlight on Caring Communities - April is BeADonor Month, and today, almost 1,600 Ontarians are waiting for a lifesaving organ transplant, and every three (3) days, someone will die waiting. More than 90% of Ontarians are in favour of organ donation; however, only one (1) in three (3) have registered their consent to donate.

In our local region, the registration rates are a little higher. In the Carleton Place area, 45% of the community has signed up. In the Almonte area, that number is 52%. Now, as communities, we can do even better for each other.

Almonte General Hospital (AGH) and Carleton Place & District Memorial Hospital (CPDMH) are inviting everyone to register to be a donor and to wear green on April 7th to show your support.

“Our hospitals are proud to be partnering with the Trillium Gift of Life Network (TGLN). The goal is to save more lives through organ and tissue donation and transplantation by notifying TGLN when a patient is at high risk of imminent death or when a patient has died. In the past year, two ocular donors have given the gift of sight to someone else,” explains Mary Wilson Trider, President & CEO. “Registering your consent for organ and tissue donation will give hope to others who are waiting.”

Donors recognize that their death can have the power to save or change someone’s life:

- One (1) donor can save up to eight (8) lives through the gift of heart, lungs, kidneys, liver, pancreas, and intestines.
- Another 75 lives can be enhanced through the gift of tissue: eyes can restore sight; skin can help burn patients; bones can be used for joint replacements; heart valves can help patients with congenital heart disease; and tendons and ligaments can help recipients walk and run.

To register or learn more, visit www.beadonor.ca. Register today and share your donation decision with your family.