



**CP SCOOP – April 15th, 2021**

## **MUNICIPAL UPDATES**

**Community Improvement Plans – Virtual Open House - April 12th to 16th, 2021** - A Community Improvement Plan or CIP is a tool that allows a municipality to direct funds and implement policy initiatives toward a specifically defined project area. Community Improvement Plans are intended to encourage revitalization initiatives and/or stimulate development and redevelopment. Once implemented, the Plan allows municipalities to provide tax assistance, grants or loans to assist in the revitalization of lands and/or buildings within the defined Community Improvement Project Area (CIPA).

### **Purpose of the Virtual Open House**

The Town of Carleton Place conducts statutory Open Houses and Public Meetings when changes are proposed to land use planning policies like the Official Plan.

It is important for the Town to understand and review the feedback of residents on amendments in order to fully appreciate and analyze the impact of those changes on property owners.

### **A Note About COVID**

Due to the present COVID-19 pandemic, a traditional “Open House” cannot be hosted at the Town Hall.

An Open House allows residents the opportunity to view and ask questions about the amendment. Posters illustrating the proposal are available and staff are present to speak with residents.

The “Virtual” Open House will offer the same sort of viewing and commenting experience remotely.

### **How to Participate in the Open House**



Step 1 – Review the materials provided in this [virtual package](#).



Step 2 – Think critically about how the policy change may impact you and the development of the community.



Step 3 – Provide your comments, thoughts or questions on the amendment to staff by following the links provided on the last page of the [virtual package](#).

A track-change copy of the amendment can be found on the [Development Services](#) page of the Town’s website.

Questions? Contact the Director of Development Services, Niki Dwyer at [ndwyer@carletonplace.ca](mailto:ndwyer@carletonplace.ca)

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## **PROVINCIAL UPDATES**

**[Ontario Supporting Business Investment and Prosperity during COVID-19](#) - Proposed Act would further minimize existing barriers and red tape** - The Ontario government is proposing new red tape and burden reduction measures intended to minimize existing barriers on businesses and support a long-term recovery plan. Today, Prabmeet Sarkaria, Associate Minister of Small Business and Red Tape Reduction, announced Ontario's Spring Red Tape Reduction Package and introduced the *Supporting Recovery and Competitiveness Act*.

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**[Workplace Inspectors to Visit 1,300 Construction Sites Beginning This Week](#) - Targeted health and safety blitz focuses on keeping workers safe in hot-spot regions** - The Ontario government will begin targeted provincewide inspections of construction sites this Friday, dispatching 200 workplace inspectors, supported by provincial offences officers, to visit 1,300 construction sites to enforce safety requirements. Officers will also be visiting over 500 workplaces, including big box stores, food processors, manufacturers and warehouses, in Ottawa, Toronto and York Region, which have been identified as hot spots for COVID-19.

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**[Ontario Supporting the Non-Profit Sector during COVID-19](#) - Funding to help more organizations deal with the challenges created by the pandemic** - The Ontario government is providing more than \$42 million to help 559 non-profit organizations across the province to support staff and volunteers, reimagine programming and renovate facilities as they deal with the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic.

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**[Ontario Announces Emergency Child Care for Critical Frontline Workers](#) - From grocery store clerks to hospital workers, provision of free child care services will support key workers** - The Ontario government is providing [eligible health care and other frontline workers](#) with free emergency child care for school-aged children, starting Monday, April 19th, 2021. The announcement was made following the [province's decision to move elementary and secondary students](#) across the province to remote learning following the April spring break.

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**[Ontario Now Accepting Public Feedback to Strengthen Municipal Codes of Conduct](#) - Province launches online survey as it undertakes the consultation process** - The Ontario government has launched a [90-day consultation](#) to obtain feedback on how to strengthen municipal codes of conduct. With the support of the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the province is working to better ensure that municipalities, councillors and heads of council maintain a safe and respectful workplace.

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## **OTHER UPDATES**

**[Leeds, Grenville and Lanark District Health Unit - COVID-19 Exposure at social gathering outside of Brockville](#)** - Individuals who attended a social gathering that occurred on April 1st at 1000 Islands Village rental properties just outside of Brockville, may have been exposed to the COVID-19 virus, and are advised to:

- **Get tested for COVID-19** at a [local assessment centre](#)
- **Monitor for [symptoms](#) carefully, even mild ones**
- **If symptoms develop or if you were symptomatic and have recovered,**
  - Immediately [self-isolate](#)
  - Contact the Health Unit at 1-800-660-5853
- **Download the [COVID ALERT app](#).** The app notifies you if you (or your phone) have been in close contact with someone who has tested positive.