



**CP SCOOP – April 16th, 2021**

## **MUNICIPAL UPDATES**

**Last Day to Participate in the Open House - 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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**Special Virtual Committee of the Whole Meeting** - The Town of Carleton Place Council will hold a Special Committee of the Whole meeting via Zoom, on Tuesday, April 20th, starting at 6:00 p.m. The meeting may move into Closed Session shortly after opening as this is an educational session with the Town's Integrity Commissioner, Tony Fleming. This meeting is taking place to provide members of Council with ongoing training regarding matters that fall within the Integrity Commissioner's mandate including a review of the Town's Code of Conduct. The agenda is available on the [Town's website](#). Members of the public can view the meeting online via [Zoom](#) or a live stream to the [Town Hall Facebook](#) page

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**Construction Update – April 16th, 2021** - The Public Works Department strives to keep our residents informed regarding municipal construction activities. With so many construction projects planned within the Town of Carleton Place this year, we recognize there is going to be a lot of information to be shared with the public. Descriptions of all our construction projects for the 2021 season are now available on the Town of Carleton Place website on the [Infrastructure Projects](#) page.

We would like to advise our residents of the following activities for the days and weeks ahead, however, the schedule is subject to change due to weather conditions, changes in the provision of materials and/or availability of staff:

McArthur Island Watermain Crossing (Previously referred to as the Mill St. Watermain Crossing)

The week of April 19<sup>th</sup> will see the McArthur Island Watermain Crossing continue. This work is progressing well, and Louis Bray Construction has now completed the watermain installation on Rosamond St. and Princess St. Crews will now commence watermain installation on McArthur Island.

All road closures will remain in place for the construction season.

The Town of Carleton Place would like to ask for everyone's help in ensuring safe and efficient work zones. Access to this portion of Princess Street (including Mill Street) has been restricted to ensure the safety not only for Louis Bray staff but also for the safety of pedestrians. We strongly encourage residents to avoid the construction areas and follow the directions provided by traffic control personnel and/or the posted construction signage.

We ask for everyone's patience and cooperation during this construction season, however, should a member of the public have any concerns or questions of a general nature, please contact the Public Works Office at 613-257-2253.

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**Fire Ban Update – April 16<sup>th</sup>, 2021** – Going into the weekend the fire ban will remain in effect for all of Carleton Place and Lanark County. Lanark County Fire Departments plan to reassess this situation on Monday. Firefighters have been actively fighting grass and brush fires for the last three (3) weeks. The recent rain has helped, but local Fire Departments want to ensure that all areas are safe to burn before the ban is partially or totally lifted. This means that absolutely no open-air burning is permitted until further notice. Thank you for your patience. Please stay safe.

## **PROVINCIAL UPDATES**

**Ontario Strengthens Enforcement of Stay-at-Home Order - Implementing Stronger Enforcement, Travel Restrictions, Public Health Measures to Stop the Spread of COVID-19 and Save Lives** - The Ontario government, in consultation with the Chief Medical Officer of Health and other health experts, is strengthening enforcement of the province's Stay-at-Home order while imposing new travel restrictions and further strengthening public health measures. These urgent actions are targeted at stopping the rapid growth in COVID-19 case rates and relieving mounting pressures on the province's health care system.

To increase public compliance with the Stay-at-Home order and stop the spread of COVID-19, amendments to an emergency order (O.Reg 8/21 Enforcement of COVID-19 Measures) have been made that will provide police officers and other provincial offences officers enhanced authority to support the enforcement of Ontario's Stay-at-Home order.

Effective Saturday, April 17th, 2021 at 12:01 a.m., police officers and other provincial offences officers will have the authority to require any individual to provide their home address and purpose for not being at their residence. In addition, police officers, special constables and First Nation Constables will have the authority to stop vehicles to inquire about an individual's reasons for leaving their home. This additional enforcement tool will only be in effect during the Stay-at-Home order and exclusively to enforce the Stay-at-Home order.

Both the provincial declaration of emergency and the Stay-at-Home order (O.Reg 265/21) have been extended for an additional two (2) weeks to help stop the spread of COVID-19. The Stay-at-Home order currently in effect requires everyone to remain at home except for specified purposes, such as going to the grocery store or pharmacy, accessing health care services (including getting vaccinated), for outdoor exercise, or for work that cannot be done remotely.

In order to limit the transmission of the variants of concern, the government is also restricting travel into Ontario from the provinces of Manitoba and Quebec with the exception of purposes such as work, health care services, transportation and delivery of goods and services or exercising Aboriginal or treaty rights.

The government also intends to implement the following public health and workplace safety measures effective Saturday, April 17th, 2021 at 12:01 a.m.:

- Prohibit all outdoor social gatherings and organized public events, except for with members of the same household or one (1) other person from outside that household who lives alone or a caregiver for any member of the household;
- Close all non-essential workplaces in the construction sector;
- Reduce capacity limits to 25 percent in all retail settings where in-store shopping is permitted. This includes supermarkets, grocery stores, convenience stores, indoor farmers' markets, other stores that primarily sell food and pharmacies; and,
- Close all outdoor recreational amenities, such as golf courses, basketball courts, soccer fields, and playgrounds with limited exceptions.

In addition, effective Monday, April 19th, 2021 at 12:01 a.m., the government is limiting the capacity of weddings, funerals, and religious services, rites or ceremonies to 10 people indoors or outdoors. Prohibiting social gatherings associated with these services, such as receptions, except for with members of the same household or one (1) other person from outside that household who lives alone. Drive-in services will be permitted.

## **OTHER UPDATES**

**Lanark County Targeted Emergency Child Care** - As per the provincial announcement, all elementary and secondary schools in the province are to move to teacher-led remote learning as of April 19th, 2021. All child care for non-school-aged children and licensed home child care will remain open with no changes. Before and after school programs will be closed and free targeted emergency child care for school-aged children only will be available for health care and frontline workers.

### **How do I know if I may be eligible for Free Targeted Emergency Child Care?**

Please refer to the list of [eligible workers](#). Please note that the List of Eligible Workers is set by the Province and is not the same as the Essential Work Place list.

### **What other factors are taken into consideration when determining eligibility?**

- Do you have another adult in the home?
- Are you able to do your job from home?

### **Where are Targeted Emergency Child Cares located In Lanark County?**

Locations:

1. Almonte: Holy Name of Mary School, 110 Paterson Street
2. Perth: TayCare: Stewart School, 7 Sunset Boulevard
3. Smiths Falls: Child Development Centre, 73 Thurber Street

### **How do I apply?**

After reviewing the [eligible professions](#) and determining you are eligible for Emergency Child Care, please email [lclarke@lanarkcounty.ca](mailto:lclarke@lanarkcounty.ca) to begin the application process.

### **What do I need to apply?**

- Verification of employment as an essential service worker (pay stub, name badge, etc.)
- Proof that you live or work in Lanark County
- Hours of work
- Information of children: Name, age, list of immunizations
- Emergency contacts
- Confirmation that children have no symptoms, have not travelled out of Canada in the last 14 days and no contact with anyone having COVID-19.

### **When Does Targeted Emergency Child Care Open in Lanark County?**

- Our goal is to open Targeted Emergency Child Care as of Monday, April 19th, 2021. This is subject to change depending on when we receive provincial approval.

### **Other Emergency Child Care Details:**

Targeted Emergency Childcare for school-age children is not a replacement for school learning. Assistance will be offered by childcare providers, but child care staff are not responsible for ensuring the school curriculum is followed. Students are welcome to bring their computers or paper learning materials. Providers are not responsible for taking care of the computers that you bring. Centres are able to offer morning and afternoon snacks, parents are expected to pack a lunch for their child on a daily basis.

**Spaces are limited and reserved for those with no access to child care. Once spaces are filled, a waitlist will be maintained.**