



CP SCOOP – April 6th, 2021

MUNICIPAL UPDATES



Public Notice – Tree Clearing Coleman Central Subdivision - Cavanagh Construction will be onsite this week clearing brush and vegetation in preparation for the second phase of the Coleman Central Subdivision. The proposed cutting has been approved by the Town following the review of an Environmental Impact and Tree Conservation Study completed for the Subdivision.

Residents with questions regarding the planned work are encouraged to contact the Planning Department at jhughes@carletonplace.ca.

FEDERAL UPDATES

Support for Testing and Contact Tracing Through the Safe Restart Agreement - Prime Minister Trudeau announced the final instalment of the over \$19 billion Safe Restart Agreement, to help provinces and territories safely restart the economy, and provide continued support to Canadians.

PROVINCIAL UPDATES

Ontario Moving to Phase Two of COVID-19 Vaccine Distribution Plan - Phase Two Supports Vaccine Rollout by Postal Code in “Hot Spot” Communities - The Ontario government is moving into Phase Two of its COVID-19 vaccine distribution plan, with a focus on reaching individuals in "hot spot" communities where COVID-19 has disproportionately impacted certain neighbourhoods. In addition, this phase will prioritize individuals with the highest-risk health conditions in April 2021. With a steady supply of the COVID-19 vaccine expected from the federal government, over nine (9) million Ontarians will be offered their first vaccination between April and the end of June 2021.

OTHER UPDATES

Transportation Assistance for Lanark COVID-19 Vaccines - The United Way of East Ontario has gladly stepped into the role of convening partners to enable access to the Lanark Covid-19 Vaccination Clinics. We are working with the Leeds, Grenville and Lanark District Health Unit to provide contact information, with transportation providers who have the vehicles and drivers to provide the return drives, and with our many community partners who are providing subsidy

dollars. The goal is to work together to completely solve the transportation barrier that might exist for some folks of any age or social circumstance and get them to clinics to get their vaccination.

If anyone needs a ride, they are invited to call, and if anyone needs a subsidy, one will be available thanks to generous community partners. Once the pop-up community clinics are determined by the Health Unit, rides will also be available to those sites as well as the two (2) fixed sites in Almonte and Smiths Falls.

Anyone who lives in the Perth/Smiths Falls area, going to Smiths Falls Vaccine Clinic, can contact Lanark Transportation Association (LTA) or Community Home Support. LTA has wheelchair access, and Home Support does not; LTA can transport any age, and Home Support can transport seniors or those living with disability.

- Lanark Transportation Association: 1-877-445-5777 or 613-264-8256
- Community Home Support Lanark: 613-267-6400

Anyone who lives in Mississippi Mills, Carleton Place, Beckwith area, going to the Almonte Vaccine Clinic, can contact Lanark Transportation Association or Carebridge. Both have wheelchair access, LTA can transport any age, and Carebridge can transport seniors or those living with disability.

- Lanark Transportation Association 1-877-445-5777 or 613-264-8256
 - Carebridge 613 256 1031 x262
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Mississippi Valley Conservation Authority – Water Safety Statement Terminated - Water levels across the watershed have peaked and are on the decline. With very little precipitation in the forecast over the next couple of weeks, water levels could be significantly lower than normal leading into the summer months.

Sunny, breezy weather created ideal conditions for sublimation in March and the majority of the snow pack in the Mississippi watershed evaporated before melting, which produces runoff to refill the lakes. As a result, the reservoir lakes that are drawn down in the fall to store the spring runoff are significantly lower than normal at this time. The MVCA will continue to operate the dams with the objective of reaching target water levels by the end of May but will require substantial rainfall for those targets to be reached.

Historically, a low spring flow peak can be followed by a second peak in late May or June if substantial rains occur. Residents should be aware that the MVCA is sealing dams to reach normal summer target levels and this could cause water levels to rise above any docks installed prior to reaching target levels. Boaters should also be aware that there may be additional hazards on the lakes due to the lower water levels. Parents are reminded to advise their children about the dangers of playing near open water. While flows are below normal, cold, fast-moving water continues to present a hazard.

The MVCA's Flood Forecasting and Warning program monitors weather conditions and snowpack, estimates high water conditions and issues watershed conditions messages.