



**CP SCOOP – April 9th, 2021**

## **MUNICIPAL UPDATES**

**Further Restrictions to Outdoor Recreation Amenities** - The Leeds, Grenville and Lanark District Health Unit has detected a significant increase in cases of COVID-19 in the past week in our community. A high proportion of the new cases are COVID-19 Variants of Concern (VOC) – mostly the B.1.1.7 variant (first identified in the UK). This variant is able to spread more easily with close contact between people. The Town of Carleton Place has a responsibility to do its part to assist in stopping the spread of COVID-19. Reducing close contact outside of one's household is essential to prevent the spread of the COVID-19 virus, including avoiding all social gatherings.

Although recreational amenities are permitted to be open, anyone who uses the amenity must maintain a physical distance of at least two (2) metres from any other person using the amenity. Unfortunately, we cannot ensure this will occur and after further consultation and guidance from our Medical Officer of Health, the Town of Carleton Place is implementing further restrictions to outdoor recreation amenities to assist in stopping the spread of COVID-19 in Carleton Place.

### **Parks**

Playgrounds are an unavoidable gathering place due to the general nature of the playground equipment. With the recently announced stay-at-home order, the Town of Carleton Place will be closing all playground equipment within our parks until the gathering restrictions have been lifted.

### **Dog Parks**

Dog Parks are a potential gathering place since patrons typically socialize while their dogs play. In adhering to the current gathering restrictions, the Town of Carleton Place is restricting the capacity to five (5) patrons at one time. Patrons may take turns using the dog park and walking along nearby trails in order to ensure safe physical distancing with fellow patrons.

### **Pump Track / Skate Park**

The Pump Track / Skate Park is an unavoidable gathering place due to the popularity of this amenity. Prior to the stay-at-home order, the Town had hoped to keep this amenity open with further restrictions. However, due to the current situation, the Pump Track / Skate Park will remain closed until the stay-at-home order has been lifted.

The Town of Carleton Place is very fortunate to have a paved pathway through Town that can be used for outdoor exercise and play. Families are encouraged to take advantage of the other outdoor amenities in Town, including five (5) nature trails, and 20 neighbourhood parks with green space that can be utilized for outdoor exercise and play. Residents are reminded that they must always remain 6ft/2m apart from individuals not within their household, and mask wearing is strongly encouraged.

“While I can understand the public’s frustration with recent messaging regarding the stay-at-home order, I respectfully ask for the public’s support in all doing our part to curb the spread of these increasingly contagious COVID variants” states Mayor Black. “Staff are in regular contact with the LGL Health Unit, and the bottom line is our community is currently in a serious situation.”

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**Construction Update – April 8th, 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 <https://carletonplace.ca/infrastructure-projects.php>

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)**



With the recent wonderful weather, Louis Bray Construction has now completed the installation of the new watermain piping on the north side of the Gillies Bridge.

Crews have mobilized near the intersection of Princess Street and Franklin Street as they start working towards the bridge on the south side. Excavation activities have begun within the area and work will continue for the installation of the new watermain.

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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**Reminder - Fire Ban In Effect Starting April 5th** - Starting Monday, April 5th, 2021 there will be a complete fire ban in effect for the Town of Carleton Place, as well as Lanark County. **No open burning of any kind is permitted until the ban is lifted.**

We thank you for your cooperation in dealing with this matte

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**Reminder - Bare Root Tree Planting Program** - To ensure the Town of Carleton Place's tree canopy is maintained and enhanced for years to come, we are making trees available to Town of Carleton Place residents at a subsidized rate. Due to the popularity of this program, we have sold out of several varieties of trees and have limited numbers in the remaining varieties. The cost is \$25.00 (taxes included) a tree of 25mm (1 inch) in thickness and 6' to 8' in height will be made available.

Please see the [Town's website](#) for a list of trees still available.

Due to Covid-19 precautions, this year's tree planting information session will be available virtually. Participants must be registered prior to the event. The virtual information session is currently scheduled for: **Wednesday, May 5th at 7:00 p.m. Because these trees are subsidized, anyone who has their name on a tree list must attend (or have previously attended) the information session to be eligible for a tree.**

Residents must call prior to the session to be placed on a list for a tree. Call 613-257-2253 to have your name placed on the list or leave a message providing your name, address, telephone number and tree desired and your name will be placed on the list.

With the Town Hall currently closed to the public, residents must submit payment prior to May 1st in one of the following manners:

- Credit Card with a 3% surcharge (call 613-257-6200), or;
- Drop off a cheque or cash at the Fire Hall (15 Coleman Street) in the drop box in a sealed envelope with the homeowner's name, address and trees specified.

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**Virtual Council and Committee of the Whole Meetings** - The Town of Carleton Place Council will hold its Council and Committee of the Whole meetings via Zoom, Tuesday, April 13th, starting at 7:00 p.m. The agenda and associated documents are 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.

## **PROVINCIAL UPDATES**

**[Ontario Helps Farmers and Agri-food Operators Keep Workers Safe During COVID-19 - Investment will protect provincial food supply](#)** - The Ontario government is providing \$10 million to allow more farmers and agri-food operators to purchase personal protective equipment, enhance cleaning and disinfection and redesign workstations to better protect workers. This announcement is part of the [2021 Budget, Ontario's Action Plan: Protecting People's Health and Our Economy](#).

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**[Additional Protections for Schools to Keep Students and Staff Safe - Schools will remain open for in-person learning during four-week stay-at-home order as education workers become eligible for vaccines](#)** - The Ontario government is introducing new measures to protect schools against COVID-19 which include refresher training, enhanced cleaning and asymptomatic testing. As these new measures are being introduced, the government will begin offering registration for vaccinations to education workers during the spring break.

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**[Workplace Inspection Campaign Launching In COVID-19 Hotspots - Inspections begin this Friday in Peel and Halton warehouses, manufacturers, and retail businesses](#)** - The Ontario government is launching a series of zero-tolerance workplace safety inspections in sectors and regions hardest hit by COVID-19, beginning with warehouses, food processors and manufacturers in Peel and Halton Regions.

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**[Federal Government Extends Support for Long-Term Care and Retirement Homes in Ontario - Canadian Red Cross to Continue Assisting Homes in Fighting COVID-19 Outbreaks](#)** - The Government of Canada is extending the support of the Canadian Red Cross in select long-term care and retirement homes in Ontario. This support was originally scheduled to conclude in March 2021, but will now continue until September 30th, 2021.

## **OTHER UPDATES**

**[Leeds, Grenville and Lanark District Health Unit Warns of Carfentanil in LGL](#)** - Public Health Units across Ontario have been alerted by the Office of the Chief Coroner to the continued escalation of the overdose crisis in this province. The number of suspected drug-related deaths reported to the Office of the Chief Coroner continues to be elevated in March 2021 with over 300 deaths reported to date across Ontario, including the largest number of deaths (104) reported the week of March 1st to 7th.

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**[Leeds, Grenville & Lanark District Health Unit - Brockville COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic expands](#)** - The Leeds, Grenville and Lanark District Health Unit expanded its vaccination capacity as of yesterday, from vaccinating 40/hr to vaccinating 100/hr at the Brockville Vaccine Clinic. With the removal of the ice in the rink area, more space was available to accommodate more vaccination stations and still retain physical distancing.