



CP SCOOP – February 10th, 2021

MUNICIPAL UPDATES

Looking for a Family Day Activity? Join us in celebrating #snowycp! – The Carleton Place [Recreation and Culture Department](#) has partnered with [Downtown Carleton Place](#) to bring a fun snow creation challenge in Carleton Place for the months of February and March. Post a photo using the hashtag [#snowycp](#) for your chance to win BIA Bucks!

Submissions will be accepted until March 21st at 6:00 p.m., and voting will begin March 22nd for your favourite creations in the following categories:

- Best Snow Fort
- Most Colourful Snow Sculpture
- Best Winter Themed Creation
- Funniest Snow Sculpture

We look forward to seeing all of your wonderful creations! Visit the [Recreation and Culture Department Facebook page](#) for future updates!

FEDERAL UPDATES

Statistics Canada Employment Opportunities - Statistics Canada is looking to fill 9,000 positions across Ontario. When you work for Statistics Canada, you gain valuable work experience at one of the top statistical agencies in the world.

Most census jobs involve doing the field work associated with data collection. Field positions include both supervisory and non-supervisory roles, but most census jobs are enumerator positions (non-supervisory).

- Enumerator (non-supervisory)
- Crew leader (supervisory)

The job start and end dates vary by position and location, but will be between March and July 2021 and available across the country.

Covid-19 Precautions: Statistics Canada is committed to ensuring the safety of its employees at all times, including those working for the 2021 Census. When a Statistics Canada census employee is sent in person to a dwelling for non-response follow-up, the employee will be required to wear

personal safety equipment (provided by Statistics Canada) as well as maintain proper physical distancing, in accordance with guidelines from public health authorities.

Be part of the team that collects the data that will shape Canada's future! [Apply now!](#)

PROVINCIAL UPDATES

[Ontario Extends Off-Peak Electricity Rates to Provide Relief for Families, Small Businesses and Farms](#) - Lower rates will help offset costs as Ontarians continue to stay at home - The Ontario government is once again extending electricity rate relief for families, small businesses and farms to support those spending more time at home while the province maintains the Stay-at-Home Order in the majority of public health regions. The government will continue to hold electricity prices to the off-peak rate of 8.5 cents per kilowatt-hour until February 22nd, 2021. This lower rate is available 24 hours a day, seven (7) days a week for Time-Of-Use and tiered customers.

[Third Quarter Finances Demonstrate Ontario's Unwavering Commitment to Protect Individuals, Families and Businesses](#) - Government's urgent COVID-19 response funding has been fully allocated - Today, the Ontario government released the province's [2020-21 Third Quarter Finances](#), which demonstrates an unwavering commitment to support individuals, families and small businesses during the COVID-19 pandemic. The report shows that the government is projecting to spend \$25 billion more than last year, including an additional \$2.6 billion since the *2020 Budget*. These investments are being used to deliver the Ontario Small Business Support Grant, to provide more hospital supplies and PPE, and to better protect long-term care homes and child care settings.

OTHER UPDATES

Leeds, Grenville and Lanark (LGL) District Health Unit – Stay-at-Home Order to be lifted on February 16th in LGL - The lifting of the Stay-at-Home Order in Leeds, Grenville and Lanark recognizes that our residents, municipalities, workplaces, businesses, and services have followed public health precautions well to reduce COVID-19 transmission within our region that causes illness, hospitalizations and outbreaks in schools, long-term care and retirement homes.

The Province's plan to lift the Stay-at-Home Order for the Leeds, Grenville and Lanark District Health Unit region on February 16th, 2021 means that we will also be functioning within the [Ministry COVID-19 Response Framework](#) from that point on.

What zone of the Framework will our health unit area be moving to on February 16th?

The government considers a range of criteria when determining its zone in the Framework based on advice from the Chief Medical Officer of Health who considers trends in key indicators, including:

- ✓ Epidemiology of the virus (e.g., case rate over a number of weeks, % positivity), including confirmed presence of COVID-19 variants of concern (VOCs);
- ✓ Health system capacity;
- ✓ Public health system capacity; and
- ✓ Local context and conditions

The Province will announce our zone by February 16th. Based on current trends it could be Green-Prevent or Yellow-Protect which was where we were when the Shutdown occurred on December 26th, 2020.

The specific requirements for the Green, Yellow and Orange Zone of the Framework are outlined in [O. Reg. 364/20: RULES FOR AREAS IN STAGE 3](#). In the Yellow Zones there are more restrictions compared to the Green Zone in regard to opening hours or restaurants, liquor service and sales times, music volume, spacing of 3 metres for fitness activities, and collecting contact information.

New requirements added to the Framework include:

1. Posting clear and visible signage at all business entrances, with detailed questions to facilitate passive screening of patron [in accordance with instructions on screening issued by the Office of the Chief Medical Officer of Health](#);
2. Active symptom screening of employees; and
3. Preparation of a [safety plan](#) for organizations and businesses, and make it available upon request.

All of us have a responsibility to ensure we continue to follow all COVID-19 precautions and keep ourselves, our family, friends and neighbours protected from COVID-19 infection. This will ensure our health care providers and hospitals are able to provide regular care, mental health and community services are available, our schools stay open, and business and services thrive.

For local information about COVID-19 visit our website at www.healthunit.org.

[Check for updates to the Ontario's COVID-19 Response Framework webpage](#) in the coming days for more information on how the Province's measures affect the Leeds, Grenville, Lanark area.

Mississippi Valley Conservation Authority - Changes to K&P Bridge over the Clyde River - A five-tonne load limit has been imposed and other work carried out on the K&P Trail bridge over the Clyde River to keep it open this winter. Located roughly halfway between Folger and Clyde Forks, the bridge had new railings and speed limit signs installed through a partnership between owner Mississippi Valley Conservation Authority (MVCA) and the Snow Road Snowmobile Club (SRSC.) "These works will allow continued snowmobile and ATV use while consultations occur on how to deal with other safety issues at the bridge", said MVCA spokeswoman Shannon Gutoskie.

A fall 2020 study determined that the bridge deck and railings did not conform to current standards and should be replaced. The remainder of the structure is generally considered to be in satisfactory condition. "We will be conducting a virtual public information session on February 16th at 5:00 p.m. to discuss options and costs for replacing the decking," said Gutoskie. Authority staff plan to present a preferred approach to the MVCA Board of Directors in the spring. Until decking repairs occur, the bridge is "no-go" for vehicles weighing more than five (5) tonnes.

"We were happy to replace the railings to keep it open this winter." said SRSC President Scott Shepperdson, who spearheaded work carried out by the SRSC. However, the bridge does not meet safety standards for other vehicle use, and repair of the decking could come with a hefty price tag. A staff report submitted to the MVCA Board of Directors in December provided cost estimates ranging from \$125,000 to \$236,000. "The design and cost will be directly tied to how the bridge is used, which is why we want to get user input on the future of the bridge." said Gutoskie, adding that affordability will definitely be an important factor.

The bridge study was carried out as part of the Authority's asset renewal program which is projected to invest roughly \$10 million to renew water control structures and other infrastructure over the next 10 years. "The Board has reviewed asset needs and priorities, and endorsed investment in critical assets," said MVCA General Manager Sally McIntyre. "We look forward to discussing options with trail users about this bridge, and about other priorities over the coming years."

For those unable to attend, the virtual session will be posted online. Comments will be received until March 19th, 2021.

For more information on the K&P Bridge project, visit mvc.on.ca/KPBridge or email info@mvc.on.ca.