



CP SCOOP – February 12th, 2021

MUNICIPAL UPDATES

Vacant Carleton Place Council Chair Filled - On Tuesday, February 9th, Carleton Place Clerk Stacey Blair presented Council with their options for filling the office of Councillor left vacant due to the unfortunate and unexpected passing of Councillor Theresa Fritz on January 10th, 2021. Council directed the Clerk to approach the next eligible candidate from the 2018 election which was Wes Parsons with 1640 votes. Council and Staff were notified of his acceptance late Thursday afternoon.

“Thank you to Council and Staff for the warm welcome,” says Parsons. “It’s obvious that we’ve got a very strong team leading the town. The amount you have been able to accomplish in such a short time is impressive. I look forward to working with Council and Staff.”

“While the circumstances are certainly tragic, I have no doubt that Wes will do a fantastic job in his new role,” says Mayor Doug Black. “I look forward to his fresh perspective as we navigate this critical time in our community’s growth.”

Wes Parsons will be officially sworn in during the Council meeting on Tuesday, February 23rd, 2021.

A Message from the Mayor on Black History Month - February is Black History Month in Canada. A time to embrace and discover the unique and inspiring stories of Black Canadians and to honour their legacy.

This year’s theme is “The Future is Now” and I would like everyone to take the time to educate themselves on recognizing the injustices faced by people of colour and to reflect on how we can all do our part to create a more equal and welcoming community. The Carleton Place Public Library has some great reading suggestions on their [Facebook page](#). You can also [explore Canada’s Black History Month website](#) which contains information on educational and historical resources related to the contributions of the Black community to our Country.

Let’s all take this opportunity to continue to make Carleton Place the best it can be and foster a sense of community where everyone feels safe and respected.

Additional Bag of Waste Extension Period ENDING - Council made the decision to extend the allowance of two (2) unstickered bags of waste per week, per household to **one (1) week beyond the end of the Provincial shutdown period**. The Stay-at-home Order will be lifted in our region on February 16th, therefore, the **final day of the extension period will be Friday, February 26th at which time we will revert to allowing one (1) unstickered bag per household, per week**. Any

additional bags will require a sticker. Residents can continue to use previously issued green stickers.



Comprehensive Review – What do you want Carleton Place to look like 20 years from now? The population of Carleton Place is expected to increase from 10,644 (2016 Census) to 20,964 by 2038. We want to hear from YOU on **where and how you think this anticipated growth should occur!**

The Town is in the early stages of considering how we plan for this growth and we want to ensure that EVERYONE, including residents, businesses, and developers, have a say in the process.



In order to gather feedback, the team at JL Richards and Associates has developed an initial **SURVEY** to gauge public opinion. We want to hear YOUR thoughts about the Town's future growth. Your participation in the survey is greatly appreciated, and while the survey is anonymous, providing your contact information will allow us to keep you updated on further growth discussions!

Please visit the survey site to ensure your thoughts and opinions are captured and to get on our mailing list for future updates. The deadline for survey submissions has been extended to February 26th, 2021.

Bodnar Subdivision Tree Removal - Cavanagh Developments will be proceeding with final tree removals and trimming necessary for the Bodnar Subdivision beginning on Tuesday, February 16th, 2021. The scope of work also includes the removal of fences adjacent to the subdivision boundary.

The Developer has provided written notice to neighbours who have structures on the subdivision lands and will be making efforts to provide additional verbal notice to residents to allow the opportunity for the removal of any remaining structures. All property lines and limits of removal will be marked in the field by Friday, February 12th.

Should you have any questions or concerns please contact Hilary Lalonde from Thomas Cavanagh Construction Ltd. at 613-257-2918.

Reminder - Family Day Waste Collection – February 15th, 2021 - Due to the Family Day Holiday, garbage & recycling collection that would normally occur on Monday, February 15th will **instead occur on Tuesday, February 16th, 2021.**

For more information about garbage & recycling collection in the Town of Carleton Place, please visit our website, www.carletonplace.ca or download the free Carleton Place Waste Solutions App from the Google Play Store or the Apple App Store to receive information & reminders about waste and recycling collection.

Town Hall Reopening on Tuesday, February 16th – The Carleton Place Town Hall will be reopening to the public on Tuesday, February 16th during regular business hours (Monday to Thursday: 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and Fridays: 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.). Physical distancing measures will be in place and access will be limited to the front lobby area. Please see below for a list of policies and procedures:

- If possible, please continue to make payments owing to the Town online or via the drop-box at the OPP station instead of in person in order to ensure your safety and that of Staff;
 - If an in-person appointment is required with the Planning, Building, Public Works, or Clerk's Departments, please call ahead and arrange a time with the Staff member you would like to meet with. Staff will request you call at the time of your appointment to notify them that you have arrived. They will receive you and escort you to the designated private meeting area directly off of the main lobby;
 - Staff will remain behind clear barriers for in-person appointments;
 - Masks will be mandatory for any member of the public entering the Town Hall;
 - There will be designated lines for entering and exiting. The public will enter through the door located on Mill Street and exit through the doors leading out to Bridge Street.
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Recreation Facilities Reopening - The Recreation & Culture Department is pleased to share that the following facilities will reopen as of Tuesday, February 16th, 2021:

- Carleton Place Arena;
- Carleton Place Pool.

We will begin taking registrations for Parents & Tots, Family, and Adult skating sessions starting this Tuesday at 9:00 a.m. To reserve your spot for any of the regularly scheduled skates, please call 613-257-1690. For skate scheduling information, please [visit the Arena page](#) on the Town's website.

For scheduling information for the Carleton Place Pool, please call 613-257-1005, extension 21, or [visit the Pool page](#) on the Town's website.

Carleton Place Library Reopening – The Carleton Place Public Library is excited to welcome you back to browse at the library once more! As of Tuesday, February 16th, we will be resuming our regular open hours (Monday to Thursday: 10:30 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Fridays: 10:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., and Saturdays: 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.). Please drop by at 132 Coleman Street and browse our shelves. Curbside pick up will still be available for holds.

FEDERAL UPDATES

[Canada Negotiates Accelerated Delivery Schedule for Pfizer-BioNTech's COVID-19 Vaccine](#) -

Today, the Honourable Anita Anand, Minister of Public Services and Procurement, announced that Canada has negotiated an accelerated delivery schedule for Pfizer-BioNTech's COVID-19 vaccine, and will receive all 40 million of its secured doses from Pfizer-BioNTech by the end of September.

The Government of Canada has also purchased an additional four (4) million doses of the Moderna vaccine, bringing the total number of secured doses to 44 million. The additional four (4) million doses are expected to arrive by the end of September.

Canada is now expected to receive 84-million doses of Pfizer-BioNTech and Moderna vaccines by the end of September 2021.

Government of Canada Invests \$53 Million to Address COVID-19 Virus Variants of Concern -

The Government of Canada is taking a multi-layered approach to detecting and addressing variants of concern in Canada. To this end, the government developed a monitoring program with provinces and territories to identify new COVID-19 virus variants in Canada, such as the ones originating in the United Kingdom (B.1.1.7), South Africa (B.1.351) and Brazil (P.1). Today, the Government of Canada is increasing our capacity to find and track these variants in the country by investing \$53 million in an integrated Variants of Concern Strategy. This will help rapidly scale up our surveillance, sequencing and research efforts.

Government of Canada Expands Restrictions to International Travel by Land and Air -

Canada has some of the strictest travel and border measures in the world, including a mandatory 14-day quarantine for everyone returning to the country. With new COVID-19 variant detections increasing in the country, the Government of Canada is announcing today further testing and quarantine requirements for international travellers arriving to Canada's air and land ports of entry. These new measures will help prevent variants of concern from reaccelerating the pandemic and making it more difficult to contain.

For travellers arriving to Canada by land, as of February 15th, 2021, all travellers, with some exceptions, will be required to provide proof of a negative COVID-19 molecular test result taken in the United States within 72 hours of pre-arrival, or a positive test taken 14 to 90 days prior to arrival. In addition, as of February 22nd, 2021, travellers entering Canada at the land border will be required to take a COVID-19 molecular test on arrival as well as toward the end of their 14-day quarantine.

All travellers arriving to Canada by air, as of February 22nd, 2021, with some exceptions, will be required to take a COVID-19 molecular test when they arrive in Canada before exiting the airport, and another toward the end of their 14-day quarantine period. With limited exceptions, air travellers, will also be required to reserve, prior to departure to Canada, a three (3) night stay in a government-authorized hotel. Travellers will be able to book their government-authorized stay starting February 18th, 2021. These new measures are in addition to existing mandatory pre-boarding and health requirements for air travellers.

Finally, at the same time on February 22nd, 2021, all travellers, whether arriving by land or air will be required to submit their travel and contact information, including a suitable quarantine plan, electronically via ArriveCAN before crossing the border or boarding a flight.

PROVINCIAL UPDATES

Ontario Returning 27 Public Health Regions to Strengthened COVID-19 Response Framework - Province Extending Shutdown and Stay-at-Home Order in Regions at Highest Risk -

In consultation with the Chief Medical Officer of Health, the Ontario government is transitioning twenty-seven public health regions **out** of the shutdown and into a revised and strengthened [COVID-19 Response Framework: Keeping Ontario Safe and Open](#) (the "Framework"). The four (4) remaining public health regions, Toronto Public Health, Peel Public Health, York Region Public Health and North Bay Parry Sound District, will remain in the shutdown, and the [Stay-at-Home Order](#) and all existing public health and workplace safety measures will continue to apply to these four public health regions.

[**Premier Ford Marks Lunar New Year with Hope for the Future**](#) - Today, Premier Doug Ford issued the following statement to usher in the Lunar New Year:

"Starting today, the Chinese, Vietnamese, and Korean communities in Ontario and around the world will celebrate the Lunar New Year and welcome the Year of the Ox.

Like the ox, may we all find the strength, resilience and determination to embrace life's blessings this new year and look with hope to the future. As we continue our battle against COVID-19, we know there are better, more prosperous times ahead and we will all get through this together.

The Lunar New Year festival is traditionally a time spent with loved ones, exchanging gifts and enjoying traditional delicacies. This year, I ask everyone to please celebrate safely with members of your household only and support local restaurants and bakeries by ordering takeout or delivery.

Once again on behalf of the Government of Ontario, we wish everyone a happy, healthy and prosperous Year of the Ox!"

[**Ontario Deploys Rapid Tests to More Essential Workplaces and Settings**](#) - **Innovative Testing Options to Help Stop the Spread of COVID-19 in Key Sectors** - Based on the successful use of rapid tests in select settings across the province the Ontario government is deploying test kits to more essential workplaces and sectors in order to quickly identify and help stop the spread of COVID-19. Rapid tests are now being used in long-term care homes, retirement homes, congregate care settings, First Nations communities and many essential workplaces.

[**Ontario Restarting Passenger Road Tests in Most DriveTest Centres Across the Province**](#) - **Tests will not be offered in public health unit regions with a Stay-at-Home order or in Grey-Lockdown zones** - The Ontario government is safely restarting in-vehicle passenger road tests on Tuesday, February 16th, 2021, at most DriveTest centres across the province. Road tests will not be starting in public health unit regions still subject to a [Stay-at-Home order](#) (Toronto, Peel, York and North Bay Parry Sound), or in regions in Grey-Lockdown zones, such as Niagara Region. Strict public health and workplace safety measures will be in place for all in-vehicle passenger road tests to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

OTHER UPDATES

Leeds, Grenville and Lanark District Health Unit Goes Green-Prevent on February 16th - On February 16th at 12:01 a.m., the Ontario Stay-at-Home Order will be lifted in Leeds, Grenville and Lanark, and we will move into the [Ministry COVID-19 Response Framework](#) in the **Green-Prevent** Zone.

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.

"We are pleased to be returning to the Framework in the Green-Prevent zone," said Dr. Paula Stewart, Medical Officer of Health for the Leeds, Grenville and Lanark District Health Unit. "Now is the time for everyone to be COVID-SMART, stay within our health unit region, and support our local businesses and services. For organization and businesses, a COVID Safety Plan that outlines

adherence to all required COVID-19 precautions in the Green- Prevent Zone, will keep employees safe, as well as the public.”

To keep ourselves, our family, friends, and neighbours protected, it is important to continue to only have close contact with members of our own household. While social gatherings are now allowed for up to 10 people inside and 25 outside, consider carefully if an in-person get-together is essential and, if it is, then ensure everyone keeps two (2) metres apart and wears a well fitted cloth mask.

The specific requirements for the Green-Prevent Zone of the Framework are outlined in [O. Reg. 364/20: RULES FOR AREAS IN STAGE 3](#). You can check out the standard [Ontario measures](#) in this zone and also check the [Ontario’s COVID-19 Response Framework webpage](#) to see how the Province’s measures affect the Leeds, Grenville, Lanark area.

As we released earlier this week, the new requirements added to the Framework include:

1. Posting clear and visible signage at all business entrances, with detailed [COVID-19 screening questions](#) to facilitate passive screening of patrons.
2. Active symptom screening of employees; the tool can be accessed [online](#) or downloaded ([PDF](#)) from the Ontario government website.
3. Preparation of a [safety plan](#) for organizations and businesses that is available upon request.

The Province has included an “emergency brake” in their plan to allow a public health region that is experiencing high levels of COVID-19 transmission to quickly contain the community spread by quickly moving the region into Grey-Lockdown to interrupt the transmission of COVID-19.

The government considers a range of criteria when determining a Health Unit’s zone in the Framework. The Chief Medical Officer of Health considers case rate over a number of weeks, confirmed presence of COVID-19 variants of concern (VOCs); as well as health system and public health capacity.

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



OPP Tips on Safe Snowmobiling - If you are planning on enjoying the trails this weekend be sure to stay on those that have been designated, follow posted speed limits, carry emergency equipment with you, and do not drink and ride! Have fun but [#staysafe](#). Visit the [Go Snowmobiling Ontario website](#) for more information.

Community Safety Officer Tereschuk has prepared a video (click on the image to the left) on how to stay safe on the trails in Carleton Place.