



CP SCOOP – February 4th, 2021

MUNICIPAL UPDATES

REMINDER – Comprehensive Review - The Town of Carleton Place is seeking feedback from residents and stakeholders regarding the future growth and planning of our Town. We have initiated a Comprehensive Review to evaluate the options for growth planning and management of the Town to the year 2038. We want to ensure that EVERYONE, including residents, businesses and developers, have a say in the Comprehensive Review process.

In 2019, the County of Lanark adopted population projections which the Town of Carleton Place is required to plan to accommodate over the next 20 years. The County has indicated that Carleton Place is projected to grow to a population of 20,964 (an increase of 97%).

While the population projection is not something that the local municipality has influence over at this time, there is significant opportunity to influence what that growth will look like within the Town. Primarily the conversation will involve deciding if we should grow UP or OUT.

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. The main question that this survey aims to answer is where and how should anticipated growth occur. The survey will be available until February 12th, 2021. 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!

The Official Plan review is anticipated to conclude in early summer and further public engagement will be scheduled in spring 2021.

Residents with further questions are encouraged to contact the undersigned for more information.

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PROVINCIAL UPDATES

Enhanced Safety Measures in Place as In-Person Learning Resumes Across Ontario -

Provincial Medical Officials are Confident Students can Return to Class Safely - Education Minister Stephen Lecce announced the dates for the return of in-person learning in all remaining Ontario Public Health Units (PHUs). The government's decision was based on the advice of Ontario's Chief Medical Officer of Health, the unanimous recommendation of the Council of Medical Officers of Health, and with the support of local Medical Officers of Health.

Ontario Supports Air Monitoring Technology to Better Protect People from COVID-19 -

Investment will accelerate the production of this innovative new technology while creating jobs - The Ontario government is providing [CEM Specialties Inc.](#) (CEMSI) \$2 million through the Ontario Together Fund to help commercialize and accelerate production of its airborne COVID-19 detector Kontrol BioCloud (BioCloud). This innovative technology will add another layer of protection by monitoring in real time the air in places where people gather, such as schools, offices, long-term care homes, hospitals, public transit, and manufacturing facilities.

OTHER UPDATES

MVCA Plan Confronts Flood Hazards - With the flood of 2019 still fresh in everyone's minds, the Mississippi Valley Conservation Authority (MVCA) is developing a plan to reduce risks and guide development within the 3,750 km² watershed.

Work on the plan began in fall 2019 when a Public Advisory Committee (PAC) was formed consisting of representatives from across the watershed. After several setbacks including the ongoing pandemic, the MVCA has released nine short Discussion Papers for public review.

"The results shouldn't surprise anyone," according to Doreen Donald of the Mississippi Lake Association and one of ten (10) PAC members. "Many of the proposed actions are common sense, and just require a plan and collective will to implement."

Two (2) Discussion Papers focus on waterfront properties and land development. There are 8,510 waterfront properties in the watershed, and populations in the vicinity of Carleton Place and Beckwith are projected to almost double, while Drummond/North Elmsley and Almonte are projected to grow by more than 60% over the next 20 years. Climate change is a common theme across the Discussion Papers, with projected impacts on water levels and quality, shoreline aesthetics and aquatic health.

"We have to stop pretending that each of our lots and subdivisions don't have a cumulative impact on the landscape, and that climate change isn't going to impact us," said Donald. "Every forest we tear down, every wetland we fill, and every property we develop has an impact on the amount of water entering the river system, and the problems of flooding and water pollution are just going to get worse if we don't do something about it."

Enhanced management of the 30-metre setback for waterfront properties and enhanced development standards are just two of the thirty-five actions undergoing public review. "The key is that we decide a path forward and collaborate on addressing these challenges," said MVCA General Manager Sally McIntyre. "Our board recently approved a \$10 million capital program to improve MVCA infrastructure over the next ten (10) years, but more comprehensive action is needed to address the complexity of issues identified."

MVCA staff briefed municipal planners in January and are organizing virtual public information sessions in February and March. The following topics will be featured on the dates below:

- Water Management - February 12th at 12:15 p.m. - 12:45 p.m.
- Waterfront Properties - February 19th at 12:15 p.m. - 12:45 p.m.
- Natural Systems- March 5th at 12:15 p.m. - 12:45 p.m.
- Land Development - March 12th at 12:15 p.m. - 12:45 p.m.

The Discussion Papers and more information on the Watershed Plan and the virtual public engagement sessions can be found on the [MVCA website](#). The MVCA invites the public to provide feedback to <mailto:watershedplan@mvc.on.ca>.

MVCA was established in 1968 by area municipalities to protect and manage shared watershed resources for mutual benefit. Today, MVCA is governed by a Board consisting of 17 members appointed by area municipalities and delivers services in accordance with the Conservation Authorities Act. For more information, visit www.mvc.on.ca and follow us on Twitter, Facebook and Instagram.



Neighbours Helping Neighbours - When Peter Baran and his wife partner, Heather Phaneuf, moved to Almonte, their neighbour Graham Burgess helped welcome them to the street and the community. Now, Peter is giving back – providing Graham and his new neighbours at Fairview Manor with a hand-made Battleship game.

“Graham called and asked if I could help out and I immediately said yes,” says Peter. “I used to play Battleship as a kid and remembered the basic rules. It was a fun COVID project.”

Peter took woodworking in high school, has a workshop at his home, and wanted to do more projects as part of his retirement plan. He went online for inspiration and then got to work, creating his own unique design. “I made a larger version of the game to make it more accessible and to make the pegs easier to hold,” he explains. All the pieces are wipeable.

Graham and other residents say they are really enjoying the new game. In a thank you note, Graham wrote: “Thank you for your efforts to create and assemble this Battleship game for us to enjoy for years to come.”

“This story is another example of the great connections between Fairview Manor and our community,” added Assistant Director of Care Amanda Becking. “We are so grateful for their continued support, particularly through this very challenging time.”

Peter says he’s glad the game was well received: “It was a simple request from a neighbour and it was an opportunity to do something positive for others. I was happy to help.”