



CP SCOOP – January 14th, 2021

MUNICIPAL UPDATES

Dog Licence Renewal - Residents are reminded that under By-law 122-2018, every dog or cat owner is required to register their animals. For cats, it is a one-time registration. Dog owners are required to purchase an annual licence for each dog. These requirements are in place to assist the animal control officers in ensuring that any lost, injured or stray animals can be returned to their owners.

Currently, the Town Hall is closed to the public due to the Provincial Stay-at-home Order. To renew your pet licence(s), you may drop off payment at the Fire/OPP Station (located at the main doors of the OPP entrance) at 15 Coleman Street along with the registration form that came with your recent water bill. If you require a registration form, [a fillable pdf version](#) is available on the Town's website. Cheque and cash are both acceptable forms of payment. If you are paying by cheque, please make it payable to "Town of Carleton Place". Ensure that your name and address are included in your request as staff will be mailing your pet's tag upon receipt of your registration and payment.

Dog tags are valid only for the calendar year beginning January 1st and ending December 31st the same year. Even though you may be purchasing your tag later in the year, it still expires December 31st and a new one must be purchased for the following year before or after January 1st.

Licence Fee for Dogs:

- January 1st - February 15th: Neutered or Spayed=\$15.00. Not Neutered or Spayed=\$20.00
- February 16th - April 30th: Neutered or Spayed=\$20.00. Not Neutered or Spayed=\$30.00
- After April 30th: Neutered or Spayed=\$25.00. Not Neutered or Spayed=\$40.00

Licence Fee for Cats:

- January 1st - February 15th: Neutered or Spayed=\$15.00. Not Neutered or Spayed=\$60.00
- February 16th - April 30th: Neutered or Spayed=\$20.00. Not Neutered or Spayed=\$80.00

COVID-19 Update on Outdoor Recreation Amenities – Outdoor recreation amenities such as dog parks, outdoor rinks, playgrounds and trails are open and permitted to be used for exercise as long as people maintain social distancing of at least two (2) metres/six (6) feet. As mandated by the Province, residents are not permitted to gather in any group larger than five (5) people. Mask wearing when using outdoor recreation amenities is not mandatory but highly recommended.

PROVINCIAL UPDATES

Ontario Temporarily Pauses Residential Evictions - Province takes action to help people stay home and prevent the spread of COVID-19 - The Ontario government has issued an emergency order to temporarily pause the enforcement of residential evictions and ensure people are not forced to leave their homes during the provincial declaration of emergency and while the stay-at-home-order is in force.

Ontario Increasing Workplace Inspections during COVID-19 - Big-box store blitz will ensure retailers are operating safely and protecting workers and patrons - The Ontario government is taking additional measures to protect workers in response to rising COVID-19 cases. Beginning this Saturday and Sunday, approximately 50 ministry inspectors, as well as local by-law and police officers, will be visiting big-box stores in Toronto, Hamilton, Peel, York and Durham. The blitz will focus on ensuring workers and patrons are wearing masks, maintaining physical distance, and following every health and safety measure. Workplace health and safety inspectors will have the authority to ticket supervisors, employees and patrons who do not comply with COVID-19 safety requirements, temporarily close a premise and disperse groups of more than five (5) people.

Ontario Supporting Horse Businesses Impacted by COVID-19 - Investment will help keep animals safe and cover maintenance costs - The Government of Ontario is investing up to \$3 million through the Equine Hardship Program to help horse experience businesses cover animal maintenance costs incurred from COVID-19 disruptions. During the pandemic many horse experience activities, such as riding schools, trail ride operations, and horse camps have been unable to operate, which has put these businesses and their horses in jeopardy.

Ontario Flows Gas Tax Funding to Municipalities - Investment will be used to support public transit systems across the province - Today, Caroline Mulroney, Minister of Transportation, announced that Ontario is providing \$375 million through the Gas Tax program to help 109 municipalities across the province operate and expand public transit. The province will flow the funding as soon as possible in 2021.

OTHER UPDATES

Carleton Place & District Memorial Hospital Foundation - Catch the Ace - As the province braces for yet more restrictions due to the pandemic, the Carleton Place & District Memorial Hospital (CPDMH) Foundation and the Royal Canadian Legion, Capt. A. Roy Brown Branch 192 (Legion) are taking their partnership to a new level with *Carleton Place Catch the Ace* online.

This week, the Foundation and the Legion are thrilled to announce that Carleton Place Catch the Ace is back and bigger than ever with a minimum guaranteed jackpot of \$10,000! This new and improved Catch the Ace holds a provincial raffle license which means there is no “cap” on the number of tickets available for purchase; therefore, increasing participants’ chances of winning and the jackpot amount is limitless. Additionally, and in adapting to our ever changing COVID-19 environment, moving the raffle online also means offering a “touchless” environment. Now, from the comfort of your home, you are able to purchase a ticket online and support the local causes you love.

The partnership between the Foundation and the Legion is not a new one. As a memorial hospital, built in memory and honour of local veterans, collaboration has existed between the two organizations from the beginning. CPDMH Foundation representatives are involved in the annual Remembrance Day Ceremony led by

our local Legion; and through a strong history of partnership, the Legion Branch 192 has become a major donor to the CPDMH Foundation. It seemed like a natural fit for both parties to join together for this fundraising initiative.

The first round of Carleton Place Catch the Ace online begins January 14th with the first draw being held on Facebook Live at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 21st. Tickets are only available online and can be purchased at www.cpcatchtheace.ca. Another benefit to taking this fundraising initiative online is the ability to offer bulk ticket sales. The following ticket bundles are available for purchase: 3 tickets for \$10, 10 tickets for \$20, 50 tickets for \$50, and 100 tickets for \$75.

For more information, visit the [CP Catch the Ace](#) website.

Labour Market Group of Renfrew & Lanark - The 2020/2021 EmployerOne Survey is open until February 26th, 2021. We know that rural businesses face unique challenges and this annual survey is here to help develop local solutions for local needs. The EmployerOne survey also provides an opportunity to better understand the labour market in our region, help to alleviate local workforce shortages, and support access to the training your workers need. You can find the survey at www.employeronessurvey.com.