



CP SCOOP – January 15th, 2021

MUNICIPAL UPDATES

REMINDER - The Town of Carleton Place has initiated our [Transportation Master Plan](#) (TMP) to provide clear direction for guiding the capital and operating transportation needs of our growing municipality. We want to ensure ALL stakeholders – whether commuters, businesses, recreational travelers, or students – can get where they want, when they need to.

Get Involved!

Online Community Survey – We want your feedback! - Available until February 1st, 2021 - A TMP is only successful with public engagement and feedback. Your input is essential to help the project team identify the community’s transportation-related thoughts, concerns, and opportunities that will help us establish the TMP’s priorities and directives.

Please support the TMP by completing our [Online Community Survey](#) following the link below. This is an anonymous survey that will take approximately 10 to 15 minutes to complete.

Interactive Mapping Tool – Where are the “Hot Spots?” - Available until February 1st, 2021 - We need your help in identifying where specific transportation issues exist within the Town. Examples include unsafe crossing locations, chronic congestion, unsafe pedestrian or cycling environment, poor accessibility for mobility challenged users, etc.

You may point to and describe these problem locations using our [Interactive Mapping Tool](#), “Submit a Report” for each location.

This project is expected to conclude by the end of 2021. We plan to have two rounds of public and stakeholder consultations.

PROVINCIAL UPDATES

[Ontario Expands Case and Contact Management Workforce](#) - Additional staff will help stop the spread of COVID-19 across the province - The Ontario government has hired more case managers and contact tracers, building the provincial workforce to 1,600 by February 15th, 2021. Along with staff who work in or have been redeployed within public health units, this support brings the total number of case and contact tracers in the province to nearly 5,600 staff. These people are vital in helping to isolate new cases of COVID-19 and stopping the spread of the virus in communities across Ontario.

[Applications Now Open for Ontario's Small Business Support Grant - Province Providing up to \\$20,000 for Eligible Businesses Impacted by Provincewide Shutdown](#) - The Ontario government has opened applications for the [new Ontario Small Business Support Grant](#). The grant, first announced in December, provides a minimum of \$10,000 to a maximum of \$20,000 to eligible small businesses who have had to restrict their operations due to the Provincewide Shutdown. The tightened restrictions were put in place to help stop the alarming rise of COVID-19 cases in Ontario.

OTHER UPDATES

Leeds, Grenville and Lanark District Health Unit - First COVID-19 Vaccination in LGL- The shipment of COVID-19 Pfizer vaccine to Kingston Health Sciences Centre (KHSC) this week marks the beginning of Phase 1 of the provincial vaccine rollout in the South East region, including Leeds, Grenville and Lanark. The province initially provided COVID-19 vaccine to areas with the highest rates of COVID-19 infection. It is important to note that some areas in Ontario started receiving vaccine before the South East region. These areas are further along in their vaccine distribution. Our region will catch up as vaccine becomes more available.

The Leeds, Grenville and Lanark District Health Unit is working closely with Kingston Health Sciences Centre and other neighbouring health units to ensure efficient distribution of vaccine to staff, residents and essential caregivers in long-term care homes, as well as in higher-risk retirement homes. The first long-term care workers from the LGL region to receive the COVID-19 vaccine were immunized yesterday at Kingston Health Sciences Centre. The health care workers were excited and grateful to be getting the vaccine to help protect themselves and the residents in their care.

The provincial government has set a target of vaccinating 100% of willing staff, residents, and essential caregivers in long-term care homes and higher-risk retirement homes by February 15th, 2021. By immunizing and protecting people in these priority groups and those who provide care for them, we will decrease the risk of COVID-19, and outbreaks among those who are at greatest risk of serious COVID-19 infection.

The Health Unit will also begin the roll out of mobile clinics to local long-term care homes and higher risk retirement homes over the next week. These mobile clinics will be delivered in partnership with our homes, Emergency Medical Services and healthcare partners who have offered to support COVID-19 vaccination distribution in Leeds, Grenville and Lanark.

“I am very pleased to see the first COVID-19 immunizations happen in LGL, and am proud of all of the hard work to get to this point,” states Dr. Paula Stewart, Medical Officer of Health for the Leeds, Grenville and Lanark District Health Unit. “This is an important milestone in protecting a vulnerable population in our community.”

We know many people are eagerly anticipating their turn to receive the COVID-19 vaccination. The Health Unit’s local COVID-19 Vaccination distribution plan aligns with the [provincial COVID-19 vaccination program](#). Planning began last spring when we reviewed and updated our community immunization plan. Since then, we have added to the plan new information about the administration and storage of the approved COVID-19 vaccines, the priority groups set by the province, options for providing the vaccine to individuals and groups with our partners, and what vaccines might come to us and when. Our experienced staff has contributed to all aspects of this plan, and we are actively working with our health care partners on its implementation. The availability of the vaccine is the key factor influencing the roll out of the plan. Details will be posted on our website as they are available.

Until the majority of individuals in our population have been immunized, we all must continue to do everything we can to protect one another from the spread of illness by being COVID-19 SMART. The continued efforts of

individuals and families will help keep the number of positive cases low in our area and help our community stay safe until vaccines are available to all. The people who are immunized must also follow all these precautions as we don't know yet if the vaccine prevents the virus from being transmitted, in addition to preventing symptoms.

Public messages will be shared on our website and social media, as well as through local media channels when we know more about the next steps. The Health Unit regularly sends information directly to health care providers and they will also be updated through this approach. If a physician is not on our list, they can [contact](#) us to receive these updates. For more detailed information and FAQs about the vaccine visit the [COVID-19 Protection and Vaccine](#) section of our website.

OHTO TRIP - Capital Projects Funding Stream Now Open - Ontario's Highlands Tourism Organization (OHTO) in collaboration with our six County partners is pleased to announce the release of a new funding stream within our Tourism Recovery & Innovation Program (TRIP).

Developed in partnership with Ottawa Tourism, [TRIP – Capital Projects program](#) is geared specifically to tourism-dependent small to medium businesses and provides non-repayable funding up to 80% of eligible expenses incurred to modify operations to a maximum of \$20,000. This program was created to offset costs related to one-time modifications and/or re-opening costs, implementation of health and safety protocols, and digitization measures.

Applications to this new funding stream will be accepted **beginning January 15th, 2021 and will continue on an ongoing basis until December 31st, 2021**, or until funds are depleted. **Priority status will be given to eligible businesses who apply by Thursday, January 31st, 2021.**

Here's what you need to have on hand to [complete the application](#):

- Your Business Number, HST number, and Incorporation date (if applicable)
- A copy of your 2019 Financials
- A copy of your commercial general liability insurance indicating coverage of at least \$2,000,000
- Copies of all receipts, invoices and/or quotes you are looking to submit for reimbursement
- A brief 500-word summary drafted of how the requested funds are to be used, including a synopsis of how the project helped to protect jobs and the visitor experience.

We are anticipating a high volume of applications and will be processing submissions on a first come, first served basis. If you are a tourism dependent business located within the boundaries of Ontario's Highlands ([see map](#)) we encourage you to apply today by visiting [ComeWander.ca/trip](#). Download the [Program Guidelines](#) to review eligibility and click "Apply Now" to reach the online application portal.