



CP SCOOP – January 22nd, 2021

MUNICIPAL UPDATES

Carleton Place Public Library - While many of us feel like everything changes on a weekly basis, you can rest assured your library is still here for you. We are all working hard behind the scenes to keep books, DVDs, and our online resources easy to find, and easy for you to access. You might not be able to come into our building and browse, but we've got lots of different ways to get you the items you want.

Reserve Online - All you need is your library card and PIN to place your own holds, download books online, and read magazines [straight from our website](#). If you don't have yours, please give us a call at 613-257-2702 and we'll get you sorted. Currently all memberships are being renewed until the end of March to avoid any issues while we're still on lockdown. Once we're open to the public again, please stop by the library with I.D to renew your membership.

Call Us for Suggestions - Not sure what you want to read? Give us a call and we'll ask you a few questions to figure out what we can choose for you. Our staff are well versed in choosing books based on your preferences, and if we don't know, we'll ask another "expert" on our team. Once you receive the books, if they're not exactly what you were hoping for, we can try again.

Book Bundles for Kids - Kids read a lot of books. While parents and kids traditionally come to the library and choose huge stacks of books to bring home, it can be especially tricky right now to find the time to choose so many online. Instead, we'll choose a nice stack for you! We've got plenty of picture books, graphic novels, French readers, non-fiction, and anything else your child might be into. Call us and tell us what your young reader would prefer, and we'll get something ready for pickup. We might even throw in something fun to do at home.

Online Reading - If you've tried our online reading apps like [Libby and Hoopla](#), you'll know all about the benefits of being able to access new books 24/7. You don't need a special device. A phone or tablet of any kind will do, and you can enjoy a catalogue of thousands of e-books and audiobooks without every leaving your couch. Download the apps, log in with your library card and PIN, and you're off!

We also have the [Flipster magazine service](#) that doesn't require anything other than a browser to use. Read current issues of popular magazines, access a vast catalogue of past issues, and keep up with the world.

If you're looking for educational resources, we've got you covered there as well. Even though the library walls might be keeping you physically outside, [you're welcome to wander our extensive online aisles](#) to find what you need to complete that paper, or just gather information for an upcoming project.

Online Programs - We've still got plenty of great online programs happening, too. From weekly story time sessions, to baking videos and outdoor challenges, we've never stopped creating engaging content for our patrons. [Follow us on Facebook](#) for weekly details!

Free Wi-Fi at the Carleton Place Public Library - Access free public Wi-Fi in the parking lot of the Carleton Place Public Library's temporary location at "The Station" at 132 Coleman Street. Connect from the Queen Street parking lot. Wi-Fi is available from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Reminder – Transportation Master Plan – There is still time to submit your feedback to assist with the development of the Town's [Transportation Master Plan](#) (TMP). 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.

Online Community Survey - Available until February 1st, 2021 - Please support the TMP by completing our [Online Community Survey](#). 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.

FEDERAL UPDATES

Government of Canada Provides Mobile Health Units to Assist Ontario with COVID-19 Response -

Today, the Minister of Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness, the Honourable Bill Blair, the Minister of Public Services and Procurement Canada, the Honourable Anita Anand, and the Minister of Health, the Honourable Patty Hajdu, confirmed that the Government of Canada will deploy two federal Mobile Health Units (MHU) to Ontario, in response to a provincial request for assistance.

PROVINCIAL UPDATES

Small Businesses Apply for Ontario's Small Business Support Grant in Growing Numbers - All eligible

businesses encouraged to apply for relief during the provincial shutdown - The Ontario government has received more than 42,000 applications for the Ontario Small Business Support Grant. Businesses that have been approved can expect to receive payment within about ten (10) business days. During the Provincewide Shutdown all eligible small businesses facing challenges are being encouraged to apply for this financial support and receive at least \$10,000 and up to \$20,000.

Ontario Adding More Mental Health Beds and Programs for Seniors - \$12 million investment is part of the government's comprehensive mental health and addictions plan - The Ontario government is providing over \$12 million to add new mental health beds in hospitals and to expand programs that support the mental health and well-being of seniors across the province. This funding is part of the government's comprehensive mental health and addictions plan [Roadmap to Wellness](#). This plan is delivering high-quality care and building a modern, connected and comprehensive system to support those dealing with mental health and addictions issues.