



**CP SCOOP – January 25th, 2021**

## **MUNICIPAL UPDATES**

**Carleton Place Aquatics – Bronze Medallion & Emergency First Aid / Bronze Cross** – The Carleton Place Pool is now accepting registrations for the Bronze Medallion & Emergency First Aid / Bronze Cross Program. The program runs from February 20th to May 1st, 2021. Program dates are dependent upon provincial restrictions related to COVID-19 and reopening guidelines. The program will run on Saturday mornings from 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Email the pool for more information at [cppool@carletonplace.ca](mailto:cppool@carletonplace.ca).

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**Virtual Council and Committee of the Whole Meetings** - The Town of Carleton Place Council will hold its Council and Committee of the Whole meetings via Zoom tomorrow, Tuesday, January 26th at 7:00 p.m. The agenda and associated documents are available on the [Town's website](#). Members of the public can view the meeting online via [Zoom](#) or a live stream to the [Town Hall Facebook](#) page.

## **FEDERAL UPDATES**

**The 43<sup>rd</sup> Winterlude Invites You to Celebrate the Joys of Winter in Canada Virtually, February 5<sup>th</sup> – 21st, 2021** - Winterlude has brightened winter in Canada's Capital Region since 1979. This year's event has been reinvented to follow public health requirements. Canadians across the country are invited to celebrate winter with unique virtual experiences from February 5th to February 21st.

## **PROVINCIAL UPDATES**

**Today Marks the One Year Anniversary of the First COVID-19 Case in Ontario** - **Government thanks those who stepped up, did their part, and showed the true Ontario spirit** - Today, Premier Doug Ford and Christine Elliott, Deputy Premier and Minister of Health, issued a statement to mark significant milestones since the first case of COVID-19 was confirmed in Ontario on January 25th, 2020.

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**Safety of Schools Remains Priority Number One for Ontario** - **More Than 100,000 Students Return To In-Person Learning With Enhanced Safety Measures to Protect Against COVID-19** - Stephen Lecce, Ontario's Minister of Education, issued a statement to provide an update on the return to in-person learning for schools in seven (7) Public Health Units.

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### **Ontario Expands Big-Box Blitz to Ottawa, Windsor, Niagara and Durham Regions - Government**

**stepping up inspections to protect staff and consumers** - The Ontario government is carrying out workplace inspections in Ottawa, Windsor, Niagara and Durham to ensure essential businesses that can continue to operate during the provincewide shutdown are following the public health guidelines. The province wants to ensure workers and customers are properly protected from COVID-19.

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### **Ontario Investing \$200 Million in Local Infrastructure - Funding helps communities build and repair**

**roads, bridges, water and wastewater systems** - Today, the Honourable Laurie Scott, Minister of Infrastructure, announced a \$200-million investment in municipalities through the 2021 Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund (OCIF) to help 424 small, rural and northern communities build and repair roads, bridges, water and wastewater infrastructure.

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### **Ontario Adjusts Vaccination Plan in Response to Pfizer-BioNTech Shipment Delays - Vaccinations for**

**the Province's Most Vulnerable to be Accelerated** - The Ontario government is accelerating the vaccination of residents in long-term care, high-risk retirement, and First Nations elder care homes by a new target date of February 5th, 2021. To protect access to second doses of the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine for those who have already received their first dose, Ontario will maintain the maximum interval of 21-27 days for long-term care, retirement and First Nations elder care home resident groups and up to 42 days between the two doses for all other groups. These adjustments are being made following notification by the federal government of reductions in Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine shipments.