



CP SCOOP – March 10th, 2021

FEDERAL UPDATES

[National Day of Observance for COVID-19](#) - Prime Minister Trudeau issued a statement to announce the Government of Canada is designating March 11th, 2021, as a National Day of Observance to commemorate the people who lost their lives and the significant impacts we have all felt because of COVID-19.

PROVINCIAL UPDATES

[Ontario Takes Further Action to Protect Homeless Shelters during COVID-19](#) - **Additional funding will help keep vulnerable people and shelter workers safe** - The Ontario government is providing \$255 million to help municipalities and Indigenous program partners respond to an increase in COVID-19 cases in some emergency shelters and help keep vulnerable people safe. The new funding will protect homeless shelter staff and residents, and help prevent more people from becoming homeless.

[Ontario Pharmacies and Primary Care Settings to Begin Offering COVID-19 Vaccinations](#) - **Phased expansion continues as the Province approaches one (1) million vaccines administered** - As vaccine supply increases, the Ontario government is expanding the delivery channels available to administer COVID-19 vaccines to include pharmacies and primary care settings. As of Friday, March 12th, over 325 pharmacies will be offering the AstraZeneca/COVISHIELD vaccine to eligible Ontarians aged 60-64, by appointment only, as part of the vaccine delivery pilot program in specific regions.

[Ontario Establishes Tourism Economic Recovery Task Force](#) - **Members will provide recommendations on rebuilding and reshaping the future of tourism** - The Ontario government announced the new Tourism Economic Recovery Ministerial Task Force. It will be chaired by former MPP and Cabinet minister Tim Hudak, and give expert advice and recommendations on how to help the province's \$36-billion tourism industry recover from the COVID-19 pandemic.

OTHER UPDATES



Water Safety Statement - March 10th, 2021 — With above seasonal daytime temperatures and several millimetres of rain forecasted over the next few days, the Mississippi Valley Conservation Authority (MVCA) is reminding residents that no ice is safe ice. Runoff amounts may result in

higher water levels in area creeks and streams and along roadside ditches.

Ice thickness can change drastically due to increased flows and rising temperatures. The shoreline adjacent to lakes, rivers and creeks is very slippery and poses a serious hazard. Falling into open water could result in hypothermia or drowning.

The MVCA reminds the public to exercise extreme caution around all water bodies:

- The public and pets should stay off all frozen water bodies.
- Parents are urged to remind children about the dangers of playing on or near ice covered surfaces and open water.

No flooding is anticipated at this time, although, rainfall can cause ice jams to occur along the river. This can cause water levels to rise rapidly without warning. Residents in flood prone areas are advised to maintain a close watch on water levels and flows and take the necessary precautions to protect their property by:

- Ensuring sump pumps are clear, in good working condition and have backwater valves.
- Having a portable generator and backup pump available.
- Ensuring downspouts are clear and the outlet is at least three (3) metres from any structure.
- Removing or securing items that might float away as flows increase.

Please note that the MVCA does not monitor ice conditions. The MVCA's Flood Forecasting and Warning program monitors weather conditions and snowpack, estimates high water conditions and issues watershed conditions messages.

This message will be in effect until (or updated before) Wednesday, March 31st, 2021 at 4:30 p.m.