



CP SCOOP – March 16th, 2021

PROVINCIAL UPDATES

Ontario Supports Tourism, Culture, Sport and Recreation Organizations - New grant program will help those who are struggling during COVID-19 - The Ontario government is investing \$105 million through the new Community Building Fund to support non-profit tourism, culture, sport and recreation organizations. The funding will be used to help these non-profits recover from the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic and meet the needs of their communities.

Ontario Provides Additional Protection for Retirement Home Residents and Staff - Investment will help cover costs for COVID related expenses - The Ontario government is investing \$30 million to help the retirement home sector cover COVID-19 related costs such as hiring, training and testing additional staff, sanitizing residences and purchasing supplies to prevent and contain the spread of infection. This funding is in addition to the \$30.9 million that the province provided retirement homes earlier in the pandemic.

OTHER UPDATES

Lanark County - OVRT Closed to Motorized Users Until Further Notice - Spring will be upon us in just a few short days and with that comes warmer temperatures, melting snow, rain and mud. As a result, effective immediately (Tuesday, March 16th, 2021), the Ottawa Valley Recreational Trail (OVRT) is closed to motorized vehicles until early April to allow for the trail to dry out. Your patience is appreciated.

The Spring Closure Notice can be found here: <https://www.lanarkcounty.ca/en/roads-trails-and-transit/recreational-trails.aspx>

In accordance with the OVRT Trail Management Plan, this is an annual occurrence and as per the By-Law, no ATV's are permitted on the trail prior to April 1st (or later depending on the weather and trail conditions).

For further information and rules regarding the OVRT:

Web: www.ottawavalleytrail.com

Email: trails@lanarkcounty.ca

Phone: [613-267-1353](tel:613-267-1353)

Almonte General Hospital Welcomes Two New Family Physicians - Dr. Charlotte Dawson and Dr. Brandon Harvey are the newest family physicians to join the Ottawa Valley Family Health Team, but they are no strangers to the region. Both doctors provided temporary coverage at Almonte General Hospital in the past and they say they liked what they saw.