



## CP SCOOP – March 25th, 2021

### MUNICIPAL UPDATES

**Construction Update – March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2021** - The Public Works Department strives to keep our residents informed regarding municipal construction activities. With so many construction projects planned within the Town of Carleton Place this year, we recognize there is going to be a lot of information to be shared with the public. Descriptions of all our construction projects for the 2021 season are now available on the Town of Carleton Place website on the [Infrastructure Projects](#) page.

We would like to advise our residents of the following activities for the days and weeks ahead, however, the schedule is subject to change due to weather conditions, changes in the provision of materials and/or availability of staff:

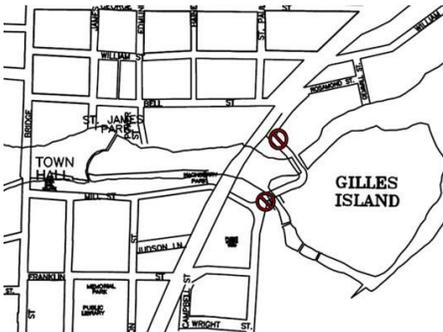
### McArthur Island Watermain Crossing (Previously referred to as the Mill St. Watermain Crossing)



Louis Bray Construction will commence the installation of a new watermain crossing of the Mississippi River on Monday, March 29<sup>th</sup>.

The starting point for this work will be the intersection of Rosamond St. and the Ottawa Valley Rail Trail (see attached sketch). The commencement of this work, along with the rehabilitation of the Gillies Bridge will trigger the requirement for the closure of the single lane bridges that connect Rosamond St. and Princess St. This closure will be in effect commencing Monday, March 29<sup>th</sup>, 2021 and the Gillies

Bridge is anticipated to be closed for the entire 2021 construction season, with reopening planned for November 2021.



The work that is being undertaken is extensive and is required to facilitate the replacement of the Central Bridge, which is planned for 2022.

Detour routes have been established and signage will be posted to direct vehicular traffic along alternate routes during this road closure. Pedestrians and cyclists will be required to utilize the Ottawa Valley Rail Trail river crossing as an alternate river crossing during the closure of the Gillies and Mill St. Bridges.

The Town of Carleton Place would like to ask for everyone's help in ensuring safe and efficient work zones. We would like to encourage residents to avoid the construction zones, however, should

residents be travelling within the construction zones we urge you to proceed with caution and follow the directions provided by traffic control personnel and posted construction signage.

We ask for everyone's patience and cooperation during the construction season, however, should a member of the public have any concerns or questions of a general nature, please contact the Public Works Office at 613-257-2253.

## **FEDERAL UPDATES**

### **[Government Announces Additional Pandemic Support For Vaccines, Health Care, and Municipalities](#)**

- Fighting the COVID-19 pandemic is a Team Canada effort. All orders of government continue to take action to fight the pandemic, support Canadians and Canadian businesses, and keep Canadians safe and healthy. The federal government continues to work closely with provinces, territories, municipalities, and Indigenous communities in the face of COVID-19.

In recognition of the extraordinary pressures faced by all orders of government and First Nations communities during the ongoing pandemic, today, the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, the Honourable Chrystia Freeland, introduced Bill C-25. This legislation would provide an additional \$7.2 billion in support for urgent health care needs across the country, the COVID-19 vaccine roll-out, and for local infrastructure projects in our cities and communities.

## **PROVINCIAL UPDATES**

**[Ontario's Action Plan: Protecting People's Health and Our Economy](#)** - 2021 budget brings **Province's COVID-19 response to \$51 billion** - Today, Minister of Finance and President of the Treasury Board Peter Bethlenfalvy released [Ontario's Action Plan: Protecting People's Health and Our Economy](#). The *2021 Budget* is the next phase of Ontario's response to COVID-19 and is the second Budget the government has delivered during the pandemic.

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**[Ontario's Action Plan Doubles Ontario Small Business Support Grant](#)** - 2021 Budget invests **\$1.7 billion in second round of payments for eligible small businesses** - The Ontario government is providing additional support to eligible small businesses to help with the ongoing costs of the COVID-19 pandemic. Confirmed eligible recipients of the Ontario Small Business Support Grant will automatically receive a second payment equal to the amount of their first payment, for minimum total support of \$20,000 up to a maximum of \$40,000.

## **OTHER UPDATES**

**[Lanark County Community Paramedics offer in-home COVID-19 vaccines to vulnerable residents](#)** - On March 18<sup>th</sup>, the Lanark County Paramedic Service (LCPS), in collaboration with the Leeds, Grenville & Lanark District Health Unit, rolled out its mobile in-home vaccination program. Residents of Lanark County who meet strict eligibility criteria can be referred to the Community Paramedic Program by public health or by a primary care provider. The criteria include those aged 75+ with mobility impairment and adult recipients of chronic home care that have mobility issues and cannot go to one of the community vaccination sites. Within the first 48 hours of the program launch, the LCPS received more than 100 requests for in-home vaccinations. Community Paramedics are busy setting up appointments in the coming days.