



## CP SCOOP – March 26th, 2021

### MUNICIPAL UPDATES

The Town of Carleton Place would like to clarify the road closures and detours that will be in place during the Gillies Bridge project (March 29th through to November 2021).

#### North of Gillies Bridge

Rosamond Street will be closed at the Gillies Bridge. Resident will be directed to St. Paul Street and then to William Street as an alternative route. Please note Bell Street is also scheduled for construction activity which will begin in the near future.

#### South of Gillies Bridge

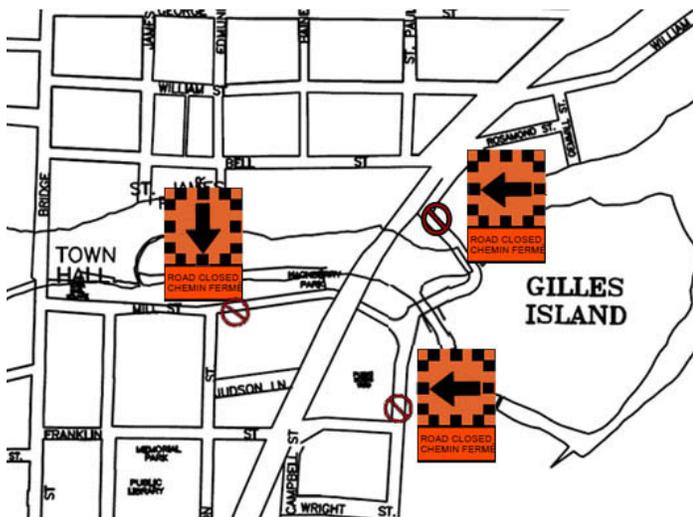
Mill Street will be closed at Judson Street, however, please note that residents will still be able to access the food bank located on Mill Street as the street remains open to local traffic only. Residents will be directed from Mill Street to Franklin Street via Judson Street.

Princess Street will be closed at Franklin Street. Residents will be directed along Franklin Street to Beckwith Street and towards Mill Street.

Residents are also encouraged to utilize Lake Avenue East and Bridge Street as an alternative route.

#### Pedestrian Traffic

Residents who typically utilize the Gillies Bridge as part of their daily walking or cycling route, will need to utilize the Ottawa Valley Rail Trail throughout the duration of the project.



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.

## **PROVINCIAL UPDATES**

### **Timiskaming Public Health Region Moving to Red-Control Level of COVID-19 Response Framework** - Province taking immediate action to disrupt transmission of COVID-19

In consultation with the Chief Medical Officer of Health, the Ontario government is moving Timiskaming Health Unit to the Red-Control level in the [Keeping Ontario Safe and Open Framework](#). The decision was made at the request of the local medical officer of health due to the concerning trends in public health indicators in the region.

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### **Ontario Moving Two Regions to New Levels in the COVID-19 Response Framework** - Province adjusting public health and workplace safety measures for select activities

- Based on the advice of the Chief Medical Officer of Health, the Ontario government is moving two public health regions to new levels in the [COVID-19 Response Framework: Keeping Ontario Safe and Open](#), including moving the City of Hamilton public health region to the Grey-Lockdown level. Decisions were made in consultation with the local medical officers of health and are based on the trends in public health indicators and local context and conditions.

Based on the latest data, the following two public health regions will be moving from their current level in the Framework to the following levels effective Monday, March 29th, 2021 at 12:01 a.m.:

#### Grey-Lockdown

- City of Hamilton Public Health Services

#### Red-Control

- Eastern Ontario Health Unit

## **OTHER UPDATES**

### **Mississippi Valley Conservation Authority – March 26<sup>th</sup>, 2021 Water Safety Statement - Mississippi & Carp River Watersheds - Flows expected to increase with forecasted rainfall -**

With warmer weather moving into the area and 40 to 50 mm of rain in the forecast, flows and levels across the watershed are expected to increase. No flooding is expected at this time. Dams are currently being operated to mitigate flows.

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.

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 3 m 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.

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**Flood Outlook Statement – Lower Ottawa River** - A Flood Outlook Statement is being issued for areas along the Lower Ottawa River. Based on current snow cover and weather forecast, it is anticipated that levels and flows along the main stem of the river from Arnprior to Hawkesbury are expected to begin to rise over the next few days but will remain within the normal range of fluctuations associated with the spring freshet period.

Presently, the snow cover varies significantly across the 146,300 square kilometre Ottawa River basin, with some areas in the south of the basin having no snow cover at all. Where there is snow cover, the snow water content (amount of water contained in the snow) is lower than average over much of the basin except in the west-central portion of the basin where average conditions prevail. Snow water content is only one of several factors impacting the magnitude of the spring freshet each year.

The Ottawa River Regulating Committee indicates that with the current weather forecast, flooding in low-lying areas is not expected to occur over the next few days. **Levels are currently expected to remain below flood thresholds.** While it is not possible to completely rule out the occurrence of a large spring freshet, the factors that are known at this time, namely below average snow water content in all locations and an early spring start, are positive indicators of a year without excessive flooding along the Ottawa River.

Throughout the freshet period, the combination of heavy rainfall and snowmelt may result in rapid increases in water levels and flows on the main stem of the Ottawa River from Mattawa down to the Montreal Region.

Residents in flood-prone areas are encouraged to closely follow evolving conditions and to take necessary measures. Residents are advised to stay away from watercourses where flows are high and where banks might be unstable. Parents are encouraged to explain dangers to children.

The **Mississippi Valley, Rideau Valley, and South Nation Conservation Authorities** monitor water levels and weather forecasts with the **Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry** as part of the Flood Forecasting and Warning Program. Updates are provided as conditions change.

The **Ottawa River Regulating Committee** will be reassessing forecast conditions and providing hydrological condition updates on its website daily at [ottawariver.ca/forecasts/](http://ottawariver.ca/forecasts/).

To view current flood warnings across Ontario, visit: [www.ontario.ca/law-and-safety/flood-forecasting-and-warning-program](http://www.ontario.ca/law-and-safety/flood-forecasting-and-warning-program).