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COVID-19 UPDATE #23

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The Town of Carleton Place continues to monitor new information regarding the COVID-19 pandemic.

MUNICIPAL UPDATES

REMINDER: Virtual Council and Committee of the Whole Meetings

With the continued need for physical distancing due to COVID-19, the Town of Carleton Place Council will hold its first virtual Council and Committee of the Whole meeting via Zoom on April 7th, 2020.

Members of the public can view the meetings online using the link on the [Upcoming Meeting Agendas](#) page or any time after the meetings on the Town's Facebook page.

Donations to local thrift stores and second-hand bins

It has been brought to our attention that residents are continuing to drop off items at the local thrift stores and donation bins. While the sentiment is appreciated, it has become a problem in that items are starting to accumulate heavily in front of these businesses with no one to accept them due to their mandatory closure. There is also a health and safety aspect as it is impossible to know where the items came from or who they may have come into contact with.

For the time being, please refrain from dropping off items until it is deemed safe to do so from our local thrift stores. Thank you for your understanding!

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT UPDATES

The Government of Canada is working day and night to ensure Canadians have access to the [Canada Emergency Response Benefit](#) in the simplest and fastest way possible. Canadians who have lost their income due to COVID-19 can expect their payment in 3 to 5 business days from



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when they apply if they are using direct deposit. This means most Canadians who are eligible will receive \$2,000 before the end of next week. To help manage the volume of applications through the Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) and Service Canada, applicants will be asked to apply over four (4) days depending on their month of birth. Canadians who have already applied for EI do not need to reapply. [Applications can be submitted online.](#)

The Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA) is prepared to help Canadians who have been outside of Canada for an extended period and are heeding the advice of the Government of Canada to return home. The CBSA is working closely with the Public Health Agency of Canada (PHAC) to [help prevent the spread of COVID-19](#) in Canada. As you make your way home, it is important that you avoid contact with others. **Do not stop at a hotel, a restaurant or for groceries – go straight home.** You should use a drive-thru if you need to stop for food, and pay for gas at the pump. Use rest areas or other places where you can park and rest in your vehicle. Once home, use food delivery services or online shopping to purchase essential items, and ask family, a neighbor or a friend to help with essential errands if possible, while avoiding direct contact with you (knock and drop).

PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT UPDATES

The Provincial Government has announced new [one-time provincial financial assistance](#) during school and childcare closures of \$200 per child 0 to 12 years of age and \$250 for those 0 to 21 years of age with special needs.

LEEDS, GRENVILLE AND LANARK DISTRICT HEALTH UNIT

Do your part to stay apart! Physical distancing involves taking steps to limit the number of people you come into close contact with. Here are some important measures you can take:

- Maintain a distance of six feet (2 metres) between yourself and other people.
- Work from home if possible.
- **Limit shopping trips. Go out for essential reasons only.**
- Avoid social gathering places.
- Stay in virtual contact with family, friends and neighbours.

