



CP SCOOP – December 16th, 2020

MUNICIPAL UPDATES

Town of Carleton Place Receives Funding Under Phase 2 of Provincial Safe Restart Program - The Corporation of the Town of Carleton Place learned today that we will receive an additional \$371,000 from the Province of Ontario under Phase 2 of the Safe Restart Program for 2020. The Town will also receive an additional \$57,000 for 2021. The program provides the supports needed to respond to COVID-19 impacts and address operating pressures which for the Town resulted from additional operating costs and loss of program revenues. The Ontario government is allocating the funding to provide financial relief for municipalities to help ensure they do not carry operating deficits into 2021 and it will assist the Town to deliver critical services during COVID-19.

Carleton Place was 1 of only 48 municipalities out of 444 who received this extra funding. The Town was previously allocated \$284,900 under Phase 1 of the Safe Restart Program - Municipal Operating Funding stream.

Under the federal-provincial Safe Restart Agreement, the Ontario government is providing up to \$4 billion in emergency assistance so that municipalities are supported as they respond to COVID-19 to ensure they continue to deliver the important services residents and businesses rely on while supporting the safe reopening of the economy.

“I want to commend our Treasurer Trisa McConkey for all of her hard work in compiling our financial information which directly resulted in us receiving this additional allocation,” says Doug Black, Mayor of the Town of Carleton Place. “Her hard work will help ensure the Town ends 2020 in a much brighter financial situation.”

FEDERAL UPDATES



[Minister Garneau Clears Santa for Take-off in Canadian Airspace](#)

- Transport Canada is pleased to announce that the Minister of Transport, the Honourable Marc Garneau, has cleared Santa for take-off in Canadian airspace this Christmas season.

While many Canadians are restricting their holiday gatherings to limit the spread of COVID-19, Transport Canada officials have ensured that Santa and his reindeer have taken all necessary precautions so they can safely deliver presents to the boys and girls across the country.

Transport Canada safety experts have also conducted their routine sleigh and reindeer inspections and validated Santa's pilot license.

Santa has been washing his hands, maintaining a distance of two metres from the elves in the workshop, and has been wearing his face covering when unable to physically distance. Santa has also installed the COVID Alert app on his smartphone.

Additional measures are also in place to maintain safety during the pandemic, including a health check and temperature screening before the sleigh takes off.

Rest assured, Santa's rosy cheeks are a sign of good health. As for Rudolph, his nose is shining brighter than ever before and he and the other reindeer are healthy and ready for take-off!

You can track Santa and his reindeer on the [NORAD Tracks Santa](#) website and on Twitter following the #NoradTracksSanta hashtag.

PROVINCIAL UPDATES

Ontario Taking Action to Reduce Impaired Driving - Funding will support education programs and roadside spot-checks to keep roads and highways safe - The Ontario government is investing \$4.8 million through the Reduce Impaired Driving Everywhere (RIDE) grant program to help police services across the province keep impaired drivers off streets and highways. 171 police services will receive funding to carry out important year-round road safety initiatives such as education campaigns and roadside spot checks.

OTHER UPDATES

Local Paramedics Help Build A Mountain of Food - Every day, paramedics with the Lanark County Paramedic Services (LCPS) care for our community. Recently, they did so in a different way. On December 12th and 13th throughout Lanark County, more than a dozen paramedics and their families held their annual "Fill an Ambulance with Food" drives in Almonte, Carleton Place, Smiths Falls, and Perth.

And the results are impressive. Across the four communities, 142 boxes of food were collected, (up from 110 last year) which was enough to fill a 5-tonne truck. In addition, \$5,027.90 was raised for local food banks.

"Thank you to our paramedics for their continued commitment to our local communities. Special thanks to organizer Jason Tunks for his leadership, and thanks to all of our Paramedic volunteers: David Mullin, Lisa Popplewell, Crystal Lamadeleine, Tasha Daye, Sam Christopher, Clint Allan, Eric Ray, Jerry Zwicker, Trevor Neil, Jared Towns, and Marty McKittrick," said Chief Paramedic Travis Mellema. "We are also grateful to all of the people of Lanark County who donated food and money to ensure that families have food for the upcoming Christmas holidays."

Grateful thanks to our other supporters: Organizer Chris Craig, RCL Automotive; Scott Fleming, Rideau Home Hardware Building Centre with his 5-tonne truck; Hugh Colton, Hinton Auto Group and previous organizer; and Tracey Stevens, Rideau Home Hardware Building Centre.

The LCPS provides emergency response service for an area encompassing almost 3,000 square kilometres with a population of 70,000. It responds to approximately 25,000 calls for service each year.