



CP SCOOP – December 22nd, 2020

MUNICIPAL UPDATES

Municipal Services During Provincewide Shutdown – An Emergency Meeting of Council was held today to discuss municipal services and staffing regarding the Provincewide shutdown coming into effect on December 26th, 2020. While there will be no change to snow removal or waste collection schedules, there are some significant facility closures and service changes noted below:

Additional Bag of Waste Extended to January 31st, 2021 – Due to the announcement of the Provincewide COVID-19 shutdown, Council has made the decision to extend the allowance of two (2) unstickered bags of waste per week, per household to January 31st, 2021. Any additional bags will require a sticker. Residents can continue to use previously issued green stickers.

Recreation Facilities Closures Due to Provincewide Shutdown - Due to the Provincially mandated COVID-19 shutdown, the following facilities will be closed as of December 26th, 2020:

- Carleton Place Arena;
- Carleton Place Pool;
- Carleton Place Canoe Club;
- The Station Active Living Centre.

The outdoor rinks at Carleton Junction and the Carambeck Community Centre will remain open but may only be used for skating. Hockey games are prohibited. Any individuals using the outdoor rinks must maintain a physical distance of at least two (2) metres, excluding members of the same household. Face masks or face coverings are strongly recommended. The outdoor rinks will be monitored to ensure provincial regulations are being followed. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact the Recreation & Culture Department (613) 257-1690. We appreciate your cooperation in light of these unfortunate circumstances. We hope that these measures will be temporary so that we can continue to enjoy the outdoors rinks to their full potential.

Staff will be contacting patrons who currently have facility rentals booked and will work to reschedule all bookings for when the provincial shutdown ends. We will provide an update on outdoor amenities once we receive more information from the Lanark Leeds and Grenville District Health Unit. The Recreation & Culture Department will provide more information in the coming days regarding all outdoor amenities and residents are encouraged to monitor the [Carleton Place Recreation and Culture Department Facebook](#) page and CP Scoop for updates. Thank you for your understanding.

Town Hall Holiday Closure - The Town Hall will close for the Christmas Holidays at 12 noon on Thursday, December 24th, 2020 and will reopen on Monday, January 4th, 2021 during regular business hours. Physical distancing measures will be in place and access will be limited to the front lobby area. Please see below for a list of policies and procedures:

- If possible, please continue to make payments owing to the Town online or via the drop-box at the OPP station instead of in person in order to ensure your safety and that of staff;
- If an in-person appointment is required with the Planning, Building, Public Works or Clerk's Departments, please call ahead and arrange a time with the staff member you would like to meet with. That staff member will request you call at the time of your appointment to notify them that you have arrived. They will receive you and escort you to the designated private meeting area directly off of the main lobby;
- Staff will remain behind clear barriers for in-person appointments;
- Masks will be mandatory for any member of the public entering the Town Hall;
- There will be designated lines for entering and exiting. The public will enter through the door located on Mill Street and exit through the doors leading out to Bridge Street.

Municipal Childcare Facilities – Care will continue as scheduled at the Francis Street location. As mandated by the Province as part of the 'Safer at Home Restrictions' all before and after school programs are being **closed** during January 4th to 8th, 2021 inclusive. These programs will resume, unless otherwise noted, on January 11th, 2021; this includes our Carambeck school age location. Staff will contact parents to notify them of operations through their registered email.

Carleton Place Library – The Library will be changing to a curbside pickup service model. Please visit the [Library's website](#) as information will be released as it becomes available.

“Council's main priority throughout COVID-19 has always been the health and safety of our residents and the continued support of local businesses,” says Doug Black, Mayor of the Town of Carleton Place. “Council and Staff are working together to comply with provincial lockdown measures while also minimizing disruption to municipal services. I encourage everyone to respect social and physical distancing measures during the course of the lockdown to ensure our numbers remain low so we are in a good position to reopen as soon as possible.”

PROVINCIAL UPDATES

Safer at Home Programs Provide Relief to Ontario Families - Province Expands Support for Learners Program and Lowers Hydro Bills - The Ontario government is providing new financial supports for individuals, families and small businesses, as they do their part to stop the spread of COVID-19 and protect the province's health care system during the Provincewide Shutdown. The province is expanding the Support for Learners program to include secondary school students and lowering electricity prices to a discounted off-peak rate 24/7 for all time-of-use and tiered customers.

Ontario Cancelling Passenger Road Tests Across Ontario - Measures will help protect health and safety and prevent the spread of COVID-19 - As a result of the [Provincewide Shutdown](#), on December 26th, the Ontario government will cancel all in-vehicle passenger tests across Northern Ontario until January 9th and for all 27 public health unit regions in Southern Ontario until January 23rd. This action is being taken to stop the spread of COVID-19.