



CP SCOOP – December 4th, 2020

MUNICIPAL UPDATES

Council and Committee of the Whole Meetings – Council and Committee of the Whole will meet virtually via Zoom on, Tuesday, December 8th, at 7:00 p.m. Please see the [Upcoming Meeting Agendas](#) page on the Town’s website for the agendas and associated documents. Members of the public can view the meetings online via [Zoom](#) or via a live stream to the [Town’s Facebook page](#).

Please Note: 2021 Budget – Public Meeting - A public meeting on the proposed 2021 budget will take place on Tuesday, December 8th, 2020 at the Committee of the Whole meeting. Council is proposing a 1.97% levy increase which represents an increase of \$36.77 based on a home valued at \$273,750 which is the median home value in Carleton Place for 2020. The [presentations](#) are available for viewing ahead of the meeting on the Town’s website.

Community-Based Early Years and Child Care Capital Program - The Town of Carleton Place and Lanark County are pleased to announce that the expansion and renovation project for Francis Street child care centre is now complete. The ribbon cutting ceremony is taking place on Friday, December 11th, 2020.

The Ontario government through the Community-Based Early Years and Child Care Capital Program (CBCP) provided over 2.9 million dollars for this project. The CBCP funding allowed for an additional 98 spaces for infants, toddlers and preschoolers. This expansion will provide more choice and flexibility for children and families in Carleton Place, which is a commitment of the government of Ontario.

“The completion of the Carleton Place Childcare Services expansion demonstrates our Government’s commitment to providing hard-working families in Lanark County with access to quality, affordable child care,” said Ontario’s Minister of Education Stephen Lecce. “Our government is listening to families across Ontario and delivering up to \$1 billion over five years to create new child care spaces and ensure children receive the care they need.”

Lanark County Social Services is the Service System Manager for the Early Years and Licensed Child Care Services under the Child Care and Early Years Act (CCEYA). Responsibilities involve service planning, supporting families and licensed child care providers, and overseeing delivery of the EarlyON Child and Family Centres.

For more information about children services in Lanark County, visit [our website](#).



Santa is Coming to Downtown Carleton Place – Although you won't be able to sit on Santa's knee this year, you can still peek inside at Santa and Mrs. Claus in their workshop at 136 Bridge Street. They will be at their workshop on the following dates:

- Thursday, December 10th and 17th from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
- Saturday, December 5th, 12th and 19th from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Be sure to take lots of pictures from the street and post your pictures on social media using #downtowncarletonplace to be entered into a draw for \$100 BIA Bucks! Please wear a facial covering and stay six (6) feet apart when visiting.

FEDERAL UPDATES

Government of Canada and Partners Invest \$1.8M in Strengthening Pandemic Preparedness in Long-term Care and Retirement Homes - The COVID-19 pandemic continues to have a profound impact on the health and well-being of older Canadians living in long-term care (LTC) and retirement homes. Finding immediate and long-term solutions to protect vulnerable older adult populations against the virus and ensuring safe and healthy care settings for those who live and work in them are crucial in the fight against the novel coronavirus. To help ensure these efforts are informed by the best available scientific evidence, the Honourable Patty Hajdu, Minister of Health, and the Honourable Deb Schulte, Minister of Seniors, announced today an additional investment of more than \$1.8 million to fund 14 Implementation Science Teams of researchers from across Canada. This research funding complements new investments in long-term care announced by the Government of Canada in the Fall Economic Statement.

Government Expands Canada Emergency Business Account Loans - Today the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, the Honourable Chrystia Freeland, announced the expansion of the Canadian Emergency Business Account (CEBA). Starting on Friday, December 4th, 2020, eligible businesses facing financial hardship as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic are able to access a second CEBA loan of up to \$20,000 – on top of the initial \$40,000 that was available to small businesses. Half of this additional financing, up to \$10,000, will be forgivable if the loan is repaid by December 31st, 2022. This means the additional loan effectively increases CEBA loans from the existing \$40,000 to \$60,000 for eligible businesses, of which a total of \$20,000 will be forgiven if the balance of the loan is repaid on time.

PROVINCIAL UPDATES

Ontario Appoints Members of the Ministers' COVID-19 Vaccine Distribution Task Force - Today, the Ontario government announced the appointment of nine members of the new **Ministers' COVID-19 Vaccine Distribution Task Force**. The task force, chaired by General (retired) Rick Hillier, former Chief of Defence Staff for the Canadian Forces, will oversee the delivery, storage and distribution of COVID-19 vaccines.

Ontario Marks International Volunteer Day - **Recognizing the efforts of thousands of volunteers who have stepped up during COVID-19** - Raymond Cho, Minister of Seniors and Accessibility issued a statement to mark International Volunteer Day on December 5th, 2020.

Ontario Supports Businesses, Workers and Families during COVID-19 - While more people return to work, the province offers unprecedented support for business - Vic Fedeli, Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade, issued a statement regarding today's monthly employment release by Statistics Canada.

Ontario Moving Three Regions to New Levels in COVID-19 Response Framework - The Ontario government, in consultation with the Chief Medical Officer of Health, local medical officers of health, and other health experts, is moving three public health regions to new levels with stronger public health measures as set out in the *Keeping Ontario Safe and Open Framework*. These steps are being taken to stop the spread of COVID-19 in order to keep schools open, safeguard health system capacity, and protect the province's most vulnerable populations.

Based on the latest data, the following public health regions will move from their current level in the framework to the following levels effective Monday, December 7th, 2020 at 12:01 a.m.:

- Orange-Restrict
 - Middlesex-London Health Unit; and
 - Thunder Bay District Health Unit.
- Yellow-Protect
 - Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit.

All other public health regions will remain at their current levels. Please visit [Ontario.ca/covidresponse](https://ontario.ca/covidresponse) for the full list of public health region classifications.

Ontario Adopts New Law to Protect Public Safety and Food Supply - The Act protects farmers, agri-food sector and livestock transport drivers from impacts of Trespassing - The Ontario government is set to proclaim the *Security from Trespass and Protecting Food Safety Act, 2020*, putting the safety of our food supply first. The new law recognizes the unique risks that can result when individuals trespass onto farms and agri-food processing facilities or when they interfere with the transportation of livestock.

OTHER UPDATES

Almonte General Hospital - Lactation Consultant Offers Specialized Support for New Moms – Jodi Lee is the Obstetrical Nurse Team Lead at Almonte General Hospital (AGH). She also serves as a lactation consultant for new Moms, having completed her international certification in 2016. She has more than 17 years of experience with a dedicated focus on birthing, neonatal intensive care, and postpartum care. Jodi recently joined two regional maternal newborn committees to share her lactation expertise and to further support evidence-based and family-centred care at AGH.

AGH is the only rural hospital in this region providing a full range of low-risk obstetrical services, including 24/7 coverage by an obstetrician and pain management services. Our multi-disciplinary team includes Obstetrician/Gynecologists, Family Physicians, Midwives, specially trained Nurses and Anesthetists. Our Diagnostic Imaging team offers a full range of advanced ultrasound services and patients can book ultrasound appointments by calling 613-256-2514 extension 2114.

Woman can self-refer to AGH Obstetrician/Gynecologists, Family Physicians, and Midwives for care during their pregnancy and birth. For details, please visit our [website](#).