



CP SCOOP – December 7th, 2020

MUNICIPAL UPDATES

Blasting Notice – Noremac Drillers has been contracted to do the drilling and blasting for the Townhomes on Taber Street in the Jackson Ridge subdivision in Carleton Place. Drilling is expected to start Tuesday, December 8th. Blasting is expected to start Wednesday, December 9th and last approximately 10 working days.

All blast vibrations will be monitored by the Blastek Engineering Group to ensure provincial guidelines are being followed.

The time of each blast is difficult to predict, however, before each blast there will be three (3) loud horns to notify the area that a blast is ready to be detonated. Once the blaster confirms the area is all clear, they will shoot the blast. After the blast, the blaster will sound one (1) loud horn to notify all is clear.

Any questions or concerns can be directed to Tim Gervais at 613-880-6537.

Santa Neighbourhood Visits - On behalf of the Town of Carleton Place Recreation & Culture Department, we would like to extend a note of appreciation to the many individuals that made this weekend's Santa Claus Neighbourhood Visits a success.

To the Lanark County OPP Carleton Place Detachment for ensuring the participants were safe through their travels.

To the Ocean Wave Fire Company for walking the routes and collecting the hundreds of non-perishable food donations for the Lanark County Food Bank.

To A1 Towing (John Poole) who offered a truck and driver to help bring music and excitement to our neighbourhood visits.

Most importantly, an enormous thank you to Mr. and Mrs. Claus for agreeing, without hesitation, to join us for three (3) days of Carleton Place neighbourhood visits. Without their commitment to this idea and our community, it would not have been possible. Three (3) routes over three (3) days, nine (9) hours of visiting, 36.24 kilometres travelled, hundreds of non-perishable donations, and thousands of smiles. Thank you, Carleton Place!

FEDERAL UPDATES

Government of Canada Invests in Canadian Families - Today, the Minister of Families, Children and Social Development, Ahmed Hussen, announced additional supports for children and families through the Canada Child Benefit and investments in child care. In May 2020, families who were eligible for the Canada Child Benefit benefitted from a one-time payment of \$300 per child, representing approximately \$550 on average per family. The Government of Canada is now proposing new temporary support of up to \$1,200 per child under the age of six to further assist families with young children. This support will help families cover the costs of tools for at-home learning, help families provide the necessary care for their children, and for many, help with the higher costs associated with temporary child care arrangements.

Canada to Receive Early Delivery of Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine - The Government of Canada is delivering on its commitment to ensure that Canadians have access to safe and effective COVID-19 vaccines as soon as possible. The Honourable Anita Anand, Minister of Public Services and Procurement, announced today that following successful negotiations, Canada will receive up to 249,000 doses of the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine in December 2020, contingent on Health Canada authorization of the vaccine.

PROVINCIAL UPDATES

Ontario Identifies Key Groups for Distribution of Initial COVID-19 Vaccines - Province Ready to Deliver Life-Saving Vaccines to Vulnerable Seniors, Health Workers - The Ontario government is ready to distribute COVID-19 vaccines as soon as they are received, beginning with vaccinating vulnerable populations and those who care for them. As recommended by the COVID-19 Vaccine Distribution Task Force and in alignment with the National Advisory Committee on Immunization, the province has identified key populations to receive the vaccine first, including long-term care and retirement home residents and the staff who provide care to these groups. The government's approach is informed by science and prioritizes population groups that are at greatest risks of COVID-19.

Groups receiving the early vaccine doses in the first few months of the Ontario immunization program will include:

- Residents, staff, essential caregivers, and other employees of congregate living settings (e.g., long-term care homes and retirement homes) that provide care for seniors as they are at higher risk of infection and serious illness from COVID-19;
- Health care workers, including hospital employees, other staff who work or study in hospitals, and other health care personnel;
- Adults in Indigenous communities, including remote communities where risk of transmission is high; and
- Adult recipients of chronic home health care.

OTHER UPDATES

Leeds, Grenville and Lanark District Health Unit - December Public Health Municipal Update

In Leeds, Grenville and Lanark, a sharp increase has been seen of people infected with COVID-19 over the past week from one or two people infected each day, to up to eight (8) newly infected individuals each day. This is affecting local business, workplace, and schools in our communities.

When someone tests positive for COVID-19 it affects the health and well-being of the individual. Their close contacts have to self-isolate for fourteen (14) days which could mean missing work or school, and it places a tremendous pressure on our healthcare system, economy and public health capacity. Our nurses hear these concerns each day as they do their follow-up calls.

With the holidays quickly approaching, it is an especially important time for residents, services and businesses to ensure they are doing everything they can to reduce further spread of COVID-19. I urge everyone to review all the COVID-SMART precautions to prevent COVID-19. This is not a time for complacency.

With more people infected in our community, the risk is higher that others may become infected. It is essential that everyone stays home and away from others if they have symptoms of COVID-19, even mild ones, and book an appointment for testing. When at home, stay away from others in the household while waiting for results. There are no wait times for appointments and most test results are coming back in one or two days. If it is not possible to go to one of the Assessment Centres, then contact Public Health and we will arrange for the community paramedics to go to your home to do the testing.

Based on our recent experience, it is critical that all businesses have screening in place to ensure that their employees are not experiencing any symptoms at work. The [Health Unit Website](#) has the business and workplace precautions that must be in place.

I appreciate the strong support of municipalities on our COVID-19 journey. As outbreaks or particular concerns arise in your community, I will continue to keep you updated. Please reach out to me if you have any questions.

Staying safe and protecting yourself means we are protecting our family, friends and co-workers. Together we can limit the spread of COVID-19 in our communities.

- Staying home as much as possible
- Practice physical distancing – stay two (2) meters (six (6) feet) away from people in public areas
- Use a cloth face covering/mask if you cannot stay 6 feet away from people when out in public – and in indoor public spaces as required.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water, or use hand sanitizer after being in touch with others or handling anything from outside your home
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth
- Cover your cough and sneeze with a tissue or into your arm, not your hands
- Do not share personal items that come into contact with saliva such as toothbrushes, eating utensils, drinks, water bottles, and towels
- If you are experiencing any respiratory symptoms (including fever) – please [self-isolate](#) immediately and complete the online [self-assessment](#).

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