



CP SCOOP – January 4<sup>th</sup>, 2021

## MUNICIPAL UPDATES

**Notice of Blasting Operations – Bodnar Subdivision** - Please be advised that the ongoing construction for the Bodnar Lands Development Project will require the use of explosives/blasting.

Blasting will be commencing the week of January 11th, 2021 and will continue until the week of June 14th, 2021. Blasting will be conducted Monday through Friday between 7:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. with up to six (6) blasts occurring per crew per day.

All blast vibration levels are carefully monitored to ensure compliance with applicable guidelines and regulations and to alleviate the possibility of damage to nearby structures.

Prior to each blast, the blast site will be cleared of all persons and secured. This will be followed by a series of warning whistles that will be sounded to alert all persons in the vicinity:

- Five short whistles – One minute to blast
- Three short whistles – Blast is imminent
- One long whistle – Blast is all clear

We wish to express our sincere appreciation in advance for your cooperation and understanding during this construction period. Should you have any questions related to the upcoming excavation operations, please feel free to contact Jeff Corace, M-Roc Ltd. Drilling and Blasting at 613-838-4666 or Explotech Engineering at 613-723-2494.

## FEDERAL UPDATES

**[Pre-departure COVID-19 Testing and Negative Results to be Required for All Air Travellers Coming to Canada](#)** - Since March 13th, 2020, the Government of Canada has strongly advised against non-essential travel, and that travel restrictions and measures can be amended at any time as necessary for public health reasons. The Minister of Transport, the Honourable Marc Garneau, is requiring that, effective January 7th, 2021, at 12:01 a.m. EST, all air passengers five years of age or older will be required to test negative for COVID-19 before travelling from another country to Canada. This implementation date provides all airlines, both foreign and domestic, adequate time to comply with the new requirements.

Documentation of a negative laboratory test result must be presented to the airline prior to boarding a flight to Canada. The test must be performed using a COVID-19 molecular polymerase chain reaction (or PCR) test and must be taken within 72 hours prior to the traveller's scheduled departure to Canada. Anyone who receives a negative test result and is authorized to enter Canada must still complete the full, mandatory 14-day quarantine.

## **PROVINCIAL UPDATES**

**Ontario Supporting Home-Based Food Businesses During COVID-19 - Government providing entrepreneurs with a new “How to” guide** - The Ontario government is supporting home-based food businesses by providing a guide on how to start a home-based food business, which includes an overview of public health requirements that need to be followed as a food operator. To further support these entrepreneurs, the government has also made regulatory changes to allow more flexibility to sell low-risk, home-prepared foods. These supports are part of the government's continued efforts to help small, independent businesses succeed and contribute to Ontario communities during COVID-19.

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**Ontario Releases Ethical Framework for COVID-19 Vaccine Distribution - Framework will guide vaccine prioritization in future phases of the province’s implementation plan** - The Ontario government has released an [Ethical Framework](#) for COVID-19 vaccine distribution which was developed in partnership with the COVID-19 Vaccine Distribution Task Force to guide further vaccine prioritization and distribution across the province. The province continues to vaccinate [vulnerable populations and those who care for them](#) through Phase One of its three-phase implementation plan as additional vaccines become available.

## **OTHER UPDATES**

**Access to the Lanark County OPP Detachment Restricted During Lockdown** - The Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) is taking action to help reduce the risk of spreading COVID-19 by restricting the access to its facilities, including detachments, across the province.

The OPP is limiting the processing of routine criminal record checks/vulnerable sector checks and finger printing to [essential workers/volunteers only](#). Anyone seeking entry to either the Lanark County OPP Detachment or the Carleton Place OPP Satellite Detachment must make an appointment first. Individuals will be pre-screened and are required to have proper personal protective equipment prior to entering the detachment.

If you require any detachment-based service, including criminal record checks/vulnerable sector checks, please call 1-888-310-1122 in advance for an appointment. Our operating hours are 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

For emergencies, please call 9-1-1. For all other police matters, please call 1-888-310-1122 or your local detachment. Report online by visiting [opp.ca/reporting](http://opp.ca/reporting).

The OPP thanks the public for helping us to keep our communities safe by using the means listed above to avoid unnecessary contact.

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**Water Safety Statement – Mississippi River Watershed - High Water Levels and Flows Will Continue into January** - As the December rain/melt moves through the system, higher than average water levels and flows will continue across the Mississippi River watershed. Based on current forecasts, no flooding is expected, and lake levels should continue to decrease. The Crotch Lake reservoir is full and sitting at its upper target for this time of year. As the excess water is released, flows downstream of Crotch Lake will remain high for the balance of the winter.

At this time there is a risk of ice jamming and/or frazil ice increasing river levels. Air temperatures below -8°C can result in frazil ice formations in open flowing water. Similarly, high flows can dislodge ice sheets creating jams. Both result in water levels rising quickly, without warning.

Residents are advised to maintain a close watch on levels and flows and take the necessary precautions to protect their property by:

- Regularly testing and maintaining sump pumps and backwater valves.
- Removing or securing items that might float away if levels increase.

Additionally, ice thickness can change drastically due to high flows. The shoreline adjacent to lakes, rivers and creeks is very slippery and poses a serious hazard. Falling into open water can result in hypothermia or drowning.

The Mississippi Valley Conservation Authority (MVCA) reminds the public to exercise extreme caution around all water bodies by:

- Regularly testing ice thickness and staying off all ice that may cover flowing water.
- Remind children about the dangers of playing on or near ice covered surfaces and open water.
- Keep pets on leash near frozen water bodies.

Please note that the MVCA does not monitor ice conditions.

This message will be in effect until (or updated before) Monday, January 25th, 2021 at 4:30 p.m.