



CP SCOOP – January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2021

## MUNICIPAL UPDATES

**Reconsideration of Motion** – An emergency meeting of Council was held virtually today at 4:00 p.m. as a follow up meeting to the December 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2020 emergency meeting. At the December 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting, Council passed a motion that the Mayor, on behalf of the Town, send a letter to the Premier of Ontario to request that the Province reduce the shutdown for Leeds, Grenville and Lanark District Health Unit to 14 days from the Province mandated 28 days.

After conversations with the local health unit, the increase in numbers across the province including within our own health unit region, and our proximity to a major city centre, today, Council voted to rescind the motion from December 22<sup>nd</sup>.

“When this motion was originally passed the case numbers were quite different,” says Mayor Doug Black. “Council recognizes that this time is going to be particularly stressful on our local businesses, but due to the change in the overall COVID-19 situation, we must continue to remain vigilant and follow the advice of local health professionals.”

## PROVINCIAL UPDATES

**[Ontario Extends Teacher-Led Online Learning Until January 25 to Keep Students and Staff Safe in Southern Ontario](#)** - Province Also Extends Provincewide Shutdown in Northern Ontario - As COVID-19 cases continue to rise at an alarming rate throughout the province, the Ontario government, in consultation with the Chief Medical Officer of Health and other health experts, is extending certain measures to keep students, education staff, and residents of Northern Ontario safe. This includes extending in-person learning until January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2021 for elementary school students in the 27 Southern Ontario public health unit regions and extending the shutdown in Northern Ontario for another 14 days, aligning with the shutdown period in Southern Ontario.

## OTHER UPDATES

**[Leeds, Grenville and Lanark District Health Unit - Outbreak declared at Kemptville Retirement Living](#)** - The Health Unit is working with Kemptville Retirement Living to manage a COVID-19 outbreak. One staff member has tested positive for COVID-19. Enhanced infection control measures under the Long-Term Care Home Act have been put in place to manage the outbreak and are being monitored by the Health Unit.