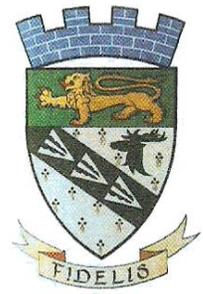


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## COVID-19 UPDATE #25

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The Town of Carleton Place continues to monitor new information regarding the COVID-19 pandemic.

## MUNICIPAL UPDATES

### Mayor's Community Address on Covid-19

During the Council meeting on Tuesday, April 7th, Mayor Doug Black formally addressed the community and provided an [update](#) on municipal operations related to the Covid-19 pandemic.

### Spring Leaf Collection

The Public Works Department will begin curbside leaf collection starting Tuesday, April 14<sup>th</sup>. We are asking residents to place the leaf bags at the curb for collection in accordance with the following guidelines:

- Bags should be at the curb by 7:00 a.m.
- Public Works will only accept items in paper leaf bags. Items in plastic bags will not be collected.
- Bags should not exceed 15kg
- It is vital for residents to practice social distancing so please do not approach staff collecting yard waste bags.

In order to practice social distancing, Public Works is currently working at reduced staffing levels. Please note there will not be designated days of collection; rather we will be applying resources as available. As a result, it may take several days to collect yard bags. We are appealing to residents to be very patient with us as we do our best to collect the overwhelming volume of bags from the curb!

The Compost Yard is currently **closed** and senior staff are working to determine when that facility can open in a manner that will be safe for our Public Works staff and the public. Residents shall not deposit leaf bags at the gates on Patterson Crescent or McNeely Avenue.



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Anyone caught dumping bags (which is prohibited by by-law) could be subject to a fine from our By-law Department.

If residents would like to continue to be informed on waste collection matters, please sign up for the Carleton Place Waste Solutions App which is free for Android and Apple devices. If you have any questions, please call Public Works at 613-257-2253.

## **Boat Launch Closed**

Please be advised that effective immediately, the Carleton Place Public Boat Launches are closed until further notice. This has been implemented due to the Government of Ontario's new Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act which requires all outdoor recreational amenities, including boat launches, to be closed immediately. This closure is implemented with the intent to further prevent the spread of COVID-19.

We trust that residents will take this closure seriously. Any discovery of vandalism should be reported to the Recreation & Culture Department: (613)257-1690. If you encounter a resident(s) choosing to not adhere to these closures; please call the OPP Non-Emergency line 1-888-310-1122 or report matters on the online reporting tool located on the [OPP's website](#).

## **Donation Bins Not Accepting Items**



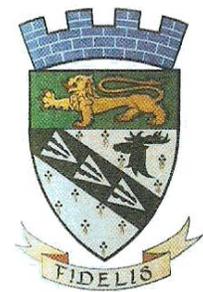
It has been brought to our attention that residents are continuing to drop off items at local thrift stores and donation bins. All thrift stores are closed, donation bins are locked and no longer monitored. Employees that pick-up donations from these bins have been temporarily laid off by the associated organizations, therefore any items left at the bins cannot be picked up. They also do not have storage facilities to store excess items. Although the intent is good, items left outside of the bins are subject to inclement weather, animal interference and vandalism. This makes the items unusable and therefore waste as there is no way to determine what they have come in contact with when they are not secured in the locked donation bins.

This also then becomes an expense to the organizations as they will eventually have to collect the items and dispose of them at their own cost. If you are cleaning and wish to donate items, please



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hold on to them and wait until service has resumed to make your donation. These organizations depend on your donations and will be up and running again as soon as they are able.

## **FEDERAL GOVERNMENT UPDATES**

Today, Prime Minister, Justin Trudeau, announced [temporary changes to the Canada Summer Jobs program](#) that will help employers hire summer staff and provide young Canadians access to the jobs they need during this unprecedented time. This program will help create up to 70,000 jobs for youth between 15 and 30 years of age.

## **PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT UPDATES**

The province is launching a new online tool, the [Health Workforce Matching Portal](#), that will help match skilled frontline workers with employers. The Portal will enable health care providers with a range of experience to join the province's response to COVID-19.

As part of [Ontario's Action Plan: Response to COVID-19](#), the Ontario government is [investing over \\$37 million](#) to support outbreak planning, prevention and mitigation efforts to ensure the health and well-being of Indigenous people and communities

Ontario is [extending construction hours for essential construction projects](#), like critical projects in the health care sector, to 24 hours a day.

## **OTHER UPDATES**

### **Leeds, Grenville and Lanark District Health Unit**

The Leeds, Grenville and Lanark District Health Unit has updated the [front page coronavirus tab](#) to help with easier navigation. There are contact numbers, resources, government and a surveillance report on cases throughout the area.

### **Masks**

Health care workers and those caring for people with COVID-19 at home need to wear masks to protect themselves. Those with symptoms need to wear masks to limit the spread of the disease. Dr. Teresa Tam, Chief Public Health Officer for Canada is recommending that “[wearing a non-medical mask](#), even if you have no symptoms, is **an additional measure** that you can take to protect others around you in situations where physical distancing is difficult to maintain.”

Non-medical face masks are **not** surgical masks or N-95 respirators, which are critical supplies that must continue to be reserved for health care workers and other medical first responders.

