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COVID-19 UPDATE #41

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

MUNICIPAL UPDATES

National Volunteer Week

'It's time to applaud Canada's volunteers' is the theme of National Volunteer Week across Canada. 12.7 million Canadian volunteers give their time to help others, contributing close to 2 billion volunteer hours per year. Canada's volunteers work tirelessly to achieve progress in their community, municipality and country. They give time in support of causes and programs they believe in and ask for nothing in return. Their time contributes billions of dollars to the Canadian economy every month, at last count over \$55 billion per year. Their smiles bring happiness and hope.

"We are fortunate here in Carleton Place to have a community that cares and looks after one another and that is a direct result of the efforts of our local volunteers," says Mayor Doug Black. "On behalf of Council and Town staff, we sincerely thank you for everything you do!"

Zoom Question and Answer Panel

Today, Mayor Doug Black, Chief Administrative Officer Diane Smithson, Director of Protective Services Pascal Meunier, Director of Public Works Dave Young and Chief Building Official Len Smith hosted a [Zoom video conference panel](#) to answer previously submitted questions related to municipal operations during COVID-19.



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PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT UPDATES

The Ontario government is partnering with the federal government to [provide urgent relief for small businesses and landlords](#) affected by the COVID-19 outbreak. The province is committing \$241 million through the new Ontario-Canada Emergency Commercial Rent Assistance Program (OCECRA). The total amount of combined provincial-federal relief that would be provided is more than \$900 million, helping to ensure small businesses are ready to reopen their doors when the emergency measures are lifted.

OTHER UPDATES

SPARK Ontario Volunteer Database

SPARK Ontario is partnering with the Ontario government to connect volunteers with opportunities to support seniors, people with disabilities and other Ontarians requiring assistance during the COVID-19 pandemic.

We are asking not-for-profit organizations and community response efforts to post their volunteer opportunities at [SPARK Ontario](#) and connect with the thousands of Ontarians who want to help.

SPARK Ontario is a free, bilingual online platform that connects not-for-profit organizations with potential volunteers. Almost 25,000 volunteers have already reached out across Ontario looking for ways to help!

