



MUNICIPAL MATTERS

December 31st, 2020

Council and Committee of the Whole Meetings

Please Note: The next regular meetings of Council and Committee of the Whole will take place on January 12th, 2021.

Town Hall Holiday Closure - The Town Hall will close for the Christmas Holidays at 12 noon on Thursday, December 24th, 2020 and will reopen on Monday, January 4th, 2021 during regular business hours. Physical distancing measures will be in place and access will be limited to the front lobby area. Please see below for a list of policies and procedures:

- If possible, please continue to make payments owing to the Town online or via the drop-box at the OPP station instead of in person in order to ensure your safety and that of staff;
- If an in-person appointment is required with the Planning, Building, Public Works or Clerk's Departments, please call ahead and arrange a time with the staff member you would like to meet with. That staff member will request you call at the time of your appointment to notify them that you have arrived. They will receive you and escort you to the designated private meeting area directly off of the main lobby;
- Staff will remain behind clear barriers for in-person appointments;
- Masks will be mandatory for any member of the public entering the Town Hall;
- There will be designated lines for entering and exiting. The public will enter through the door located on Mill Street and exit through the doors leading out to Bridge Street.

2020 Holiday Waste Collection Schedule

Please note the following changes to waste collection this holiday season:

- **Friday, January 1st – collection will occur Saturday, January 2nd**

All materials must be at the curb by **7:00 a.m.** on the day of collection.

Wrapping paper is to be folded and placed in your blue box. Foil wrapping material, ribbons, and/or tags are not permitted for recycling.

The curbside collection of Christmas trees will occur January 11th – January 22nd. Please place your tree curbside and ensure it is free of any decorations. No waste collection stickers are required for the disposal of Christmas trees.

Reinstatement of Municipal Interest Penalties/Charges

At the start of the COVID-19 emergency, an emergency Council meeting was held on March 25th, 2020 to discuss measures the Town would be undertaking to address various Town matters in response to the emergency. Council passed a By-law to waive penalties and interest for late payments incurred from the date of passing until the By-law is repealed. During the first 2021 Budget meeting on November 6th, 2020, Council discussed reinstating interest/penalty charges due to the significant financial losses experienced by the Town in 2020 and the estimated impact to revenues in 2021. Council voted in favour of repealing By-law 32-2020 and therefore, penalty and interest charges on tax, water and other fees/charges owing to the Town will be reinstated effective **January 1st, 2021**.

Additional Bag of Waste Extended to January 31st, 2021

Due to the announcement of the Provincewide COVID-19 shutdown, Council has made the decision to extend the allowance of two (2) unstickered bags of waste per week, per household to January 31st, 2021. Any additional bags will require a sticker. Residents can continue to use previously issued green stickers.

Recreation Facilities Closures Due to Provincewide Shutdown

Due to the Provincially mandated COVID-19 shutdown, the following facilities will be closed as of December 26th, 2020:

- Carleton Place Arena;
- Carleton Place Pool;
- Carleton Place Canoe Club;
- The Station Active Living Centre.

The outdoor rinks at Carleton Junction and the Carambeck Community Centre will remain open but may only be used for skating. Hockey games are prohibited. Any individuals using the outdoor rinks must maintain a physical distance of at least two (2) metres, excluding members of the same household. Face masks or face coverings are strongly recommended. The outdoor rinks will be monitored to ensure provincial regulations are being followed. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact the Recreation & Culture Department (613) 257-1690. We appreciate your cooperation in light of these unfortunate circumstances. We hope that these measures will be temporary so that we can continue to enjoy the outdoor rinks to their full potential.