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### **TOWN OF GANANOQUE TO PAINT PEACE SIGNS ON GRASS IN PARKS**

**Gananoque, ON:** Although the Provincial and Municipal State of Emergency remains in effect, Health Officials encourage fresh air and exercise during the Pandemic. Municipal parks and trails are open for individual use including all sports fields, the dog park, the BMX Park and the Skate Board Park.

The Town is encouraging the public to use the parks while taking precautions including social distancing and no gathering of more than five (5) people. As such, circles replicating peace signs will be painted on the grass at both Joel Stone Heritage Park and Town Park.

The reasoning for the circles are two fold. First, to provide distinct areas for the public to enjoy the park with their immediate family members, enjoy a picnic, or even just read a book while practicing social distancing from others. Secondly, and just as important, in recognition of the recent tragedies and unrest in the United States, the hope is that the peace sign will bring comfort while showing support. “We are all struggling to make sense of the recent tragedies that leave us feeling overcome with sorrow. The peace sign provides recognition to those impacted and encourages compassion by all during this difficult time. Now more than ever is the time for us all to further strengthen our commitment to diversity and inclusion everywhere” said Mayor Lojko.

The painted peace signs will begin to appear in both parks in the coming days.

For further information related to the current state of emergency in Gananoque, please visit <https://www.gananoque.ca/covid-19-coronavirus-information>

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