



Town of Gananoque – Municipal Communication #10

The Province continues to move forward with the implementation of Stage 2 in parts of Ontario including Gananoque! Stage 2 permits the opening of outdoor dining, barber shops and hair stylists, churches with seating restrictions as well as the splash pad. Additionally, outdoor gathering of up to 10 people is now permitted. The rules of physical distancing and hand washing continue to apply. Keep it up Gananoque!

Residents may notice that Town Park and Joel Stone Heritage Park have painted circles for the public to practice social distancing with the addition of the peace symbol. 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.

On June 10, 2020, Council held a special Council meeting to approve a deviation from the Development Permit By-law procedure for outdoor patios on public and private spaces. This was to meet the recent announcements by the Province that the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario is permitting licensed establishments to expand patio areas under their current licenses. Licensed businesses may apply to the Town for a Temporary Outdoor Patio (2020 Season) – COVID-19 Relief. All applications will be reviewed on a case by case basis. The Town will require proper placement of tables and chairs for accessibility purposes and the overall health and safety of the public. Applications can be found at: <https://www.gananoque.ca/business-support>

Reminders:

- Dump Day: Tipping fees be waived for 2020, with a limit of one (1) half ton truck load, or equivalent trailer size load per household. It will be held on Saturday, June 27th, 2020 from 8:00am to 12 Noon. Access is via James A. Brennan Road. Please bring your proof of residency.
- Municipal Taxes: No penalty nor interest will be applied on past due taxes for April, May or June 2020.
- Garbage Collection: One (1) bag of curbside waste per household will be accepted without a bag tag from March 30 to July 3, 2020.
- Parking Meters: Meters and parking lot fees will be waived until June 30, 2020.
- Marina Slips: Payments will be prorated for the remainder of the year.

Regular Council Meetings continue to be held on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday. The next scheduled meeting is June 16, 2020 at 6:00PM Via Telephone and Video Conference.

A Special Public Meeting will be held on June 30, 2020 at 6:00 PM for the purpose of reviewing a Community Improvement Plan – COVID-19 Recovery Schedule for Small Business. Please reference the Agenda for details on how to participate in the meeting.

Community Services – Parks & Recreation, Marina, Arena, Economic Development & Tourism Services

- 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 public is encouraged to get fresh air and exercise, use the parks and trails safely, and enjoy the new Story Walk that was installed by the Frontenac Arch Biosphere.
- Splash Pad and Joel Stone Heritage Park Beach will open daily starting June 12th. The washrooms are available for use. The public is reminded to continue to social-distance and have no gatherings larger than 10 people.
- Playgrounds remain closed as per Premier Ford's Emergency Order.
- Municipal Marina is open and facilities are available for marina customers. For marina inquiries please contact 613-382-2149 ext.1414. Boat Launches are open. Truck and trailer parking is available behind the Gananoque & TLTI Recreation Centre at 600 King St E.
- Economic Development continues to update the Business Support and Shop Local webpages. Visit <https://www.gananoque.ca/business-support> or contact the Business Development Coordinator at 613-382-2149 ext.1125
- Visitor Centre will open daily as of June 22nd, with appropriate safety precautions in place. Visit <https://www.gananoque.ca/explore-gananoque/gananoque-and-the-1000-islands-visitors-centre> or call 613 382-8044.
- Gananoque & TLTI Recreation Centre remains closed.

Finance Department

- Water and Sewer Bills:
 - The 3rd Quarter billing cycle is scheduled for August 2020 and will include 6 months of consumption and flat rate fees. 2nd Quarter Utility bills were not issued due to the Pandemic. Customers are responsible for all water and wastewater services consumed during this time period.
 - Customers are encouraged to make average utility payments through online/telephone banking, by mail or drop off cheques at Town Hall.
 - Join the monthly payment plan.
<https://www.gananoque.ca/sites/gananoque.ca/files/Pre-Authorized-Utility-Billing-Quarterly.pdf>
 - Questions? Contact 613-382-2149 x1117 or utilitybills@gananoque.ca

Public Works Department

- Neptune Water Meter Replacement Program has recommenced as of June 8, 2020. Safety measures have been put in place to protect the residents and Neptune employees. Residents will be contacted for appointments.

Emergency Services

IF YOU ARE EXPERIENCING AN EMERGENCY, PLEASE CALL 911

Police Services

- With access to beaches and the splash pad opening, people are reminded that social distancing rules still apply. Parents should also spend time with their children explaining the rules to avoid any conflict in these locations. A little bit of education on these matters should result in fun for everyone in a safe environment.
- The Gananoque Police Service is happy to report that there have been very few incidents investigated related to Covid 19. This is a credit to the members of our community who strive to make Gananoque as safe as possible while we all work through this pandemic. Your efforts have not gone unnoticed by members of the Gananoque Police Service and we thank you for that.

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