

Town of Gananoque – Municipal Communication #11

The Province has announced the Emergency Orders are now in effect until June 30, 2020. Overall, the number of cases has been decreasing which has permitted a large number of businesses to reopen in many parts of Ontario. Businesses are adjusting to a new way of conducting business by implementing public safety measures which means that we all have to be patient as we adjust. Keep it up Gananoque!

Town Hall Soft Re-opening – Phase I:

On Monday, July 6, 2020 Town Hall will begin opening daily from 10:00am to 2:00pm each day. The east entrance will be used as “entrance only” and the west entrance will be used as “exit only”. All doors will be sanitized throughout the day. Each person entering the building must sanitize upon entry. Please follow the signs posted.

Only debit card or cheque payments will be accepted. No cash payments. Should you have payments that can be undertaken online or business that can be conducted over the phone or email we respectfully ask that you continue to do so or sign up for monthly payment plans.

Thank you for your patience in this regard as we move forward to opening our doors.

Canada Day 2020!

Due to the pandemic, associated restrictions, and for public safety, the Town of Gananoque plans to celebrate a virtual Canada Day on July 1. We have a few special things planned to help the community celebrate!



- 11:00am Raising of the Flag with the Town Crier - video presentation on Facebook
- 12:00pm Church Bells ringing followed directly by the singing of our National Anthem
- 1:00pm Video presentation on Facebook and Instagram

A full itinerary, listing the social media platforms where residents can watch the virtual event, will be made available once all the details have been finalized.

We want to see how creative you can be as a family!

- Best Canada Day Theme Yard (front or back)
- Simply decorate your yards to show your Canadian Spirit
- Best Canada Day Theme Dressed Family

Use the hashtag #gananoquecanadaday2020 to submit your entries on our Facebook and Instagram pages.

Entries must be submitted by 11:59 pm on July 1, 2020.



King Street East Closures on Saturdays:

The Business Improvement Area (BIA) requested that Council adopt a motion to close King Street East from Charles Street to Stone Street. Council approved the request on June 16, 2020 provided the logistics and detour routes are approved by the Chief of Police, Fire Chief and Manager of Public Works. Closures will occur every Saturday beginning July 11 to August 29, 2020 from 9:00am to 8:00pm.

Parking in the closure area will not be available to the public during these time frames as the parking spaces and roadways will be utilized by all businesses in the Business Improvement Area. More details and information of detour routes will be forthcoming.

Please note that the reliefs that Council has implemented over the last few months will be expiring soon:

- Effective the week of July 6 residents are required to pay for all your garbage. All bags must be tagged.
- Parking meter payments will be in effect July 2, 2020.
- Municipal Tax installment was due on May 29, 2020. No penalty nor interest was applied on past due taxes for April, May or June 2020.
- Water and Sewer utility bills is scheduled for August 2020 and will include 6 months of consumption and flat rate fees. Customers are responsible for all water and wastewater services consumed during this time period.

Community Improvement Plan: A Special Public Meeting will be held on June 30, 2020 at 5:00 PM for the purpose of reviewing a Community Improvement Plan. A new schedule has been drafted specifically for – COVID-19 Recovery for Small Business. Please reference the Agenda for details on how to participate in the meeting.

The next Regular Council Meeting will be held July 7, 2020 at 6:00PM via Telephone and Video Conference. 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.

- Picnic Tables are available in many municipal parks, including additional picnic tables being added to Joel Stone Heritage Park. Visit a local restaurant for take-out and enjoy it with your family in one of our beautiful park settings.
- Splash Pad and Joel Stone Heritage Park Beach is open daily. 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 from 10:00am to 4:00pm 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.

Public Works Department

- Pine Street: The Reconstruction of Pine Street, between Charles Street South and the westerly limits of Pine Street west of Stone Street South will commence on Monday June 22, 2020.
- 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.
- 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 by Neptune for appointments.
- Construction Activity: Residents are reminded to observe and be aware of construction activities throughout Town this summer as the Public Works Department will have a number of operations taking place within the municipal right of ways. Please obey roadway signage and direction from staff or the Town's contractors for the safety of all.

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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