



## Town of Gananoque – Municipal Communication #2-2021

As we continue to fight COVID-19, the goal of the province is to get as many vaccines into arms as quickly and safely as possible. Beginning Tuesday, April 20, 2021, Ontario will offer the AstraZeneca COVID-19 vaccine to individuals aged 40 and over at pharmacies and primary care settings across the province. To that, the Shoppers Drug Mart in Gananoque will be administering vaccines by appointment only. Call or visit their website to make an appointment.

The emergency and stay-at-home orders have been extended to May 5, 2021 and orders under the reopening Ontario Act have been extended until May 20, 2021.

What does this mean for Gananoque?

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

- Municipal Parks, Trails, Dog Park and Playgrounds remain open for the public to walk, however, the public must use precautions including social-distancing and no gathering.
- Municipal Amenities such as the skateboard park, BMX park, soccer field, baseball diamonds, picnic areas and picnic tables are closed and not to be used.
- Municipal Marina has been deemed a non-essential service as declared by the Province and is therefore closed until further notice. For marina inquiries or questions please contact 613-382-2149 ext.1414.
- Boat Launches remain open as per Provincial Regulations.
- Economic Development is here to help. We have developed a dedicated Business Support webpage that provides a snapshot of business resources and relief programming as they become available. We have also created a shop local webpage that outlines the businesses that are currently open to serve their customers. Visit <https://www.gananoque.ca/business-support> or contact the Business Development Coordinator at 613-382-2149 ext.1125
- Visitor Centre is currently closed however staff are responding to inquiries. Visit <https://www.gananoque.ca/explore-gananoque/gananoque-and-the-1000-islands-visitors-centre> or call 613-382-8044.

### Clerk's Office

- All Civil Marriage Ceremonies are postponed.
- Commission of Oaths, may be conducted virtually.



Welcome to another year of our **Grow With Us** sunflower seed campaign! Once again local businesses, Wendy's Country Market and Corn Acres Farm have generously donated sunflower seeds to the Town and Township.

Look for them in your mailbox!

The best time for planting is right now! (Mid April to mid May)

The Town and Township want you to share your photos and sunflower progress.

Let's grow together as communities!  
Tag us on Instagram at @travel1000islands or @leeds1000islands.



- Please check up on your loved ones
- Share positive messages throughout the communities
- Support our local businesses who have supported our communities for many years.

Visit [www.gananoque.ca/love-community-shop-local](http://www.gananoque.ca/love-community-shop-local)

### Community Planning and Development – Building, By-law Enforcement and Planning

- Staff continue to be available for all building permit, planning, bylaw enforcement questions or inquiries.
- The Province has deemed certain areas of construction activity to be essential and which can be constructed. This includes long term or health care, education (schools, colleges, universities) residential construction activities or projects that have already started, and projects by municipalities. A complete list is available on <https://www.ontario.ca/page/enhancing-public-health-and-workplace-safety-measures-provincewide-shutdown#essential-construction>
- The Town will continue building permit application in-takes, review plans and process applications remotely.
- Building Officials and Bylaw Enforcement Officers will be conducting inspections at a reduced service level.
- Planning Act applications will be received via email or drop-off at Town Hall.

### Emergency Services

IF YOU ARE EXPERIENCING AN EMERGENCY, PLEASE CALL 911

### Fire Department

- Chief Howard is reminding residents, while you are at home please ensure that your smoke alarms and carbon monoxide alarms are in working order. Practice your fire escape plan!
- Fire Pit Permit applications and inspections may be delayed.

### Police Department

- The Gananoque Police Services will continue to engage, explain, educate and where appropriate enforce, but will not be undertaking random stops of people or vehicles.

## **Finance Department**

- Utility bills will be mailed out in late April.
- You can pay your bill at your bank, through online banking, by cheque through the mail, or by joining a pre-authorized payment plan.
- For further information email Traci at [utilitybills@gananoque.ca](mailto:utilitybills@gananoque.ca)

## **Public Works – Roads, Water and Sewer**

- **2021 Spring Brush Collection**  
To be collected curbside between Monday April 26th and Friday May 14th.  
Please note that lumber will not be accepted.
- **2021 Spring Leaf and Yard Waste**
  - West Ward – curbside collection between Monday April 26th - Friday April 30th
  - South Ward - curbside collection between Monday May 3rd and Friday May 7th
  - North Ward - curbside collection between Monday May 10th and Friday May 14th

Please note that each area will only be collected once.

Biodegradable paper bags must be used. **LOOSE LEAF AND YARD WASTE WILL NOT BE COLLECTED.**

- **Residential Spring Cleanup (Dump Days)**  
This annual event is being hosted (subject to cancellation or rescheduling due to COVID-19 restrictions) on May 22, 2021 from 8 am to noon. Access to the site will be via the east end of James A Brennan Road.
- **Drop-Off Leaf, Yard Waste, Brush and Scrap Steel**  
Residential drop-off of leaf, yard waste, brush, and scrap steel yard will be open beginning May 1, 2021 at the end of James A Brennan Road, Wednesdays and Saturdays from 8:00 and to Noon. The site is currently open on Wednesdays from 8:00 am to Noon, until Saturday May 1, 2021.

Town Hall is closed to the public but will continue to provide services by conducting day-to-day services via email or telephone.

Regular Council Meetings continue to be held on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday. The next scheduled meeting is April 20, 2021 at 6:00 PM Via Telephone and Video Conference. Please reference the Agenda for details on how to connect to the meeting.

Any correspondence, payments or municipal business requiring drop-off may be undertaken at the west entrance doors of Town Hall, 30 King Street East (gray bin).

Please refer to the Town's website ([www.gananoque.ca](http://www.gananoque.ca)) for the most up to date information from the Town, Health Unit, Province of Ontario, and Federal Government of Canada.

The Town will continue to accommodate your requests, however, delays may occur, and we apologize in advance and thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

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