



Town of Gananoque – Municipal Communication #2

Further to the Premier Ford's announcement, the Town continues to operate as local governments are identified as essential services. To that end, the Town continues to provide services while limiting personal contact with the public by conducting day to day services via email or telephone.

All municipal buildings remain closed to the public.

This week Council passed a By-law to amend the Procedural By-law No. 2016-094 to include electronic participation. This "Electronic" Council meeting was held on March 25, 2020. Council adopted a number of temporary financial relief measures for residents:

- Municipal Taxes: The due date for the first installment of the 2020 interim bill be deferred to May 29th, 2020. No penalty and interest will be applied on past due taxes for April and May 2020.
- Garbage Collection: One (1) bag of curbside waste per household will be accepted without a bag tag for a period of two months from March 30 to June 1, 2020.
- Parking Meters: Parking meter and parking lot fees will be waived until May 31, 2020.
- Marina Slips: Due date for marina slip payments is extended to June 1, 2020.
- Continuing Business:
 - Council passed a bylaw to set aside the terms of reference for the Planning Advisory Committee. Applications will be approved directly by Council with input received by members of the Committee.
 - All advisory panel meeting have been temporarily postponed.

CAO/Administration/Finance

- Shellee Fournier, CAO (sfournier@gananoque.ca or 613-382-2149 ext.1113)
- Melanie Kirkby, Treasurer (mkirkby@gananoque.ca or 613 382-2149 ext.1124)
- Penny Kelly, Clerk/CEMC (clerk@gananoque.ca or 613 382-2149 ext.1120)

Community Planning and Development - Building, Planning and Bylaw Enforcement

- Building Permit reviews of applications and plans as well as the inspection of unoccupied buildings are continuing. Building Department services (building@gananoque.ca)

- Bylaw Enforcement services (bylaw@gananoque.ca or pager 613 541-3213). Bylaw services will determine if the need is essential or unsafe.
- Land Use Planning services (assistantplanner@gananoque.ca)

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

- Municipal parks and trails remain open for citizens to use in a responsible manner. Health officials encourage fresh air and exercise during the Pandemic, however the public must use precautions including when using playgrounds as equipment is not sanitized.
- All events and programs at municipal facilities remain cancelled.
- The Gananoque & TLT Recreation Centre remains closed
- Facility and park bookings and marina inquiries (kmcquaid@gananoque.ca)
- Economic Development services (businesscoordinator@gananoque.ca)
- Tourism Services (JBaril@gananoque.ca)

Emergency Services

IF YOU ARE EXPERIENCING AN EMERGENCY, PLEASE CALL 911

Fire Department

- Fire Ban: All municipalities within the United Counties of Leeds and Grenville have implemented a total Open-Air Burn Ban as of Wednesday March 25th at 11:59pm until further notice.

The ban applies to all open-air fires including agricultural burns, brush piles, burn barrels, campfires, chimeneas, cooking fires, consumer fireworks, incinerators and other types of outdoor burning, but does not include cooking appliances with a mechanical shutoff, i.e. propane or natural gas cooking equipment.

Due to the concerns surrounding the spread of COVID-19, the need for social distancing and to assist in the health, safety and well-being of our firefighters we placed an open-air burn ban as a precautionary measure to avoid any additional strain on our fire services at this time.

We are committed to providing and maintaining emergency response within our communities and we appreciate your cooperation and understanding as we cope with this uncertain and unprecedented situation.

Police Department

- The Gananoque Police Service reminds all citizens that if you are returning from anywhere outside of Canada it is now mandatory to self quarantine for 14 days upon their return. Quarantine does not include attending any retail outlet which includes all grocery stores, gas stations, LCBO and Beer Store. Persons who are in breach of the quarantine can face steep fines and even arrest for non-compliance. Please do your part to protect our Town and follow the laws.

Public Works – Roads, Water and Sewer

- Brush and Leaf/Yard Waste Depot: The Depot will open to Town residents early this year, beginning Wednesday, April 1, for 2020. The site will be open Wednesdays and Saturdays from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm (noon). Please have photo ID ready to present to the Bylaw attendant to verify residency.
Note: Lumber is no longer accepted in the brush pile.
- Curbside Leaf and Yard Waste Collection: Residents are asked to place leaves and yard waste at the edge of the street (behind the curb or sidewalk) or alley NO LATER THAN 7:00am on the DATES BELOW.
 - **West Ward** (All West of the King Street Bridge) - April 27th to May 1st.
 - **South Ward** (All South of King Street & East of the King Street Bridge)
 - May 4th to May 8th.
 - **North Ward** (All North of King Street & East of the King Street Bridge)
 - May 11th to May 15th.
- Water Meter Replacement Program: The Town has postponed the Neptune Water Meter Replacement program at homes and businesses for the time being. Residents may, however, be contacted by Neptune to reschedule appointments.
- Disposable Wipes: Residents are reminded to **NOT** flush disposable wipes, or any other product other than toilet paper down the toilet, or any drain. You risk having a blocked sewer which can be costly to repair.

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.