



Town of Gananoque – Municipal Communication #4

The Mayor and Council of the Town of Gananoque wish to encourage families to continue to celebrate with the families, **that they live with**, during the upcoming Easter weekend celebrations. This is the time of year that normally brings about social gatherings, religious and other faith-based celebrations which is now limited to no more than 5 people.

The Disruption in Service at Town buildings has been extended to April 30. Previous Municipal Communications are posted to the Town's website.

Regular Council Meetings continue to be held on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday. The next scheduled meeting is April 21, 2020 at 1:00 PM Via Telephone and Video Conference. Please reference the Agenda for details on how to connect to the meeting.

Please refer to the Town's website for the most up to date information from the Town, Health Unit, Province of Ontario, and Federal Government of Canada.
www.gananoque.ca/covid-19-coronavirus-information

Help and Volunteer Services - GanStayatHome, GanSews, GanVolunteers
The GanStayatHome service is volunteer-based for those in need of socializing over the phone or requiring assistance in the pickup and delivery of groceries or other essential services during this time. Shut-ins and travelers may call **613 382-2149 ext.1128** or email ganstayathome@gmail.com.

Gan Sews is a volunteer group who sew masks and protective gowns for the medical community. If you have an ability sew and can help out please email ganvolunteers@gmail.com or call **613 382-2149 ext.1128**.

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

- Building Department Services
Based on the Order from the Province on April 3, 2020 regarding Essential Workplaces in Ontario, the following applies to existing and new construction, including renovation projects:
 - Any new residential development where a permit for the footings and/or beyond has been issued can continue and the Town will continue to provide inspection services;

- Any residential renovation project that has already commenced can continue and the Town will continue to provide inspection services;
- No new permits will be issued for new residential, residential renovations or commercial projects (except for projects outlined in Section 27, 28 and 29 of the Order); and
- The Town will continue permit application in-take and complete review in anticipation of issuing the permit once the Provincial Order is lifted.

Any person who continues construction in breach of the emergency order may be prosecuted. The Town reminds builders and homeowners that any work done in contravention of the Order that cannot be inspected, may need to be uncovered/modified for purposes of inspection/correction of deficiencies once the order is lifted.

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

- Municipal Parks and Playgrounds are closed as per Premier Ford's Emergency Order. This includes all sports fields, the dog park, the BMX Park and the Skate Board Park. Playground structures have been cordoned off.
- 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 social-distancing.
- Municipal Marina has been deemed a non-essential service as declared by the Province and is therefore closed until further notice. The marina, including the boat launch and docks, are closed with no public access. The Lion's Boat Launch is also closed.

Emergency Services

IF YOU ARE EXPERIENCING AN EMERGENCY, PLEASE CALL 911

Fire Department

- Chief Tiernan 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!

Police Department

- The Gananoque Police Service reminds all citizens that if you are returning from anywhere outside of Canada it is mandatory to self quarantine for 14 days upon your return.
- It is noted that social distancing also includes the inside of vehicles where people do not reside in the same household.
- 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

- Garbage Collection: Reminder that one (1) bag of curbside waste per household per week will be accepted without a bag tag for a period of two months from March 30 to June 1, 2020.

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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