



## **Town of Gananoque – Municipal Communication #6**

The Mayor and Council of the Town of Gananoque wish to thank the many volunteers who have stepped up to help our shut-ins, those in self isolation, sewing masks and deliveries of masks and gloves.

To our front line and essential workers at our grocery stores, pharmacies, clinics, hospitals, deliveries and take-out the Mayor and Council extend their gratitude to you.

Thank you to Sean Brophy and Family and Brian Shenton of We Share Supply Inc. and their Employees for their generous donations of masks and gloves for the protection of the residents of Gananoque. A package was delivered to households throughout Town. If you did not receive a package, some are available at Canada Post during business hours.

The Provincial and Federal Governments have announced funding programs and plans to help families and business during this time. Please refer to the Town's website for the most up to date information from the Town, LGLD Health Unit, Province of Ontario, and Federal Government of Canada. [www.gananoque.ca/covid-19-coronavirus-information](http://www.gananoque.ca/covid-19-coronavirus-information)

The Provincial Government has announced the extension of the Declaration of Emergency until May 12, 2020. The Disruption of Service at Town buildings has been extended at this time to May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2020 in keeping with the Provincial Orders.

Regular Council Meetings continue to be held on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday. The next scheduled meeting is May 5, 2020 at 1:00 PM Via Telephone and Video Conference. Please reference the Agenda for details on how to connect to the meeting.

### **Boat Ramps and Water Access Points**

- The Town of Gananoque boat launches remain closed. Please refer to the Cataraqui Region Conservation Authority website for a listing of other options. [https://crca.ca/conservation-lands/boat-ramps-and-water-access-points/?fbclid=IwAR3c-Ho\\_q80wF-Q5sx8rV2a7MYfva0MkDCKPrmBHIDNobL2Owtv\\_flo-S6M](https://crca.ca/conservation-lands/boat-ramps-and-water-access-points/?fbclid=IwAR3c-Ho_q80wF-Q5sx8rV2a7MYfva0MkDCKPrmBHIDNobL2Owtv_flo-S6M)

### Shop Local

- Many local businesses are either open (essential services) and or are providing online ordering and curbside pickup. Visit <https://www.gananoque.ca/love-community-shop-local> for information on local businesses.

### Grow With Us

- Sending you a little sunshine! Residents are receiving an envelope in your mailbox with sunflower seeds graciously donated by local businesses, Wendy's Country Market and Corn Acres Far. Plant the seeds, watch our community grown and post pictures on social media tagging @travel1000islands @leeds1000islands and use the hashtag #sunflowers1000islands

### Children's Photo Contest

- Hey kids we want to see your photos! Have a great photo you want to share with us? Tag your photo's @townofgananoque or #townofgananoque. Three winners will be chosen by the most liked photos, so get your family and friends to vote. Contest runs April 25<sup>th</sup> to May 10<sup>th</sup>.

### **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.
- Approved building permit applications will be issued a Building Permit, however, applicants are reminded that the actual work must wait until the Provincial Prohibition Order has been lifted.
- Please be advised that the issuance of a permit is subject to all restrictions and prohibitions under the law. More specifically, this permit does not mean that construction can be carried out in contravention of any Act, Regulation and/or provincial order prohibiting construction deemed non-essential

### **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 and no gathering. The public is encouraged to use the trails safely and enjoy the new Story Walk that was installed by the Frontenac Arch Biosphere.
- Municipal Marina The marina and boat launches remain closed. Staff are onsite at the marina responding to customer inquiries and preparing for the season once the province provides approval for opening. For marina inquiries please contact 613-382-2149 ext.1414.
- 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.

## **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!
- The County of Leeds and Grenville remains under a BURN BAN. This BURN BAN was put in place, in an attempt to stop firefighters working close together. Whether it be responding in the Fire Apparatus or working at the scene. In the past week the Gananoque Fire Department has responded to calls concerning Burn Complaints. At this time we are asking all residents to be respectful of the BURN BAN and help out our Firefighters during these trying times.
- With restaurants closed due to the Pandemic, the Fire Service is seeing an increase in cooking fires throughout homes in Ontario. Please follow the safe guidelines listed here.
  - Keep a proper-fitting pot lid near the stove when cooking. If a pot catches fire, slide the lid over the pot and turn off the stove. Do not move the pan.
  - Wear tight-fitting or rolled up sleeves when using the stove. Loose, dangling clothing can easily catch fire. If your clothing catches fire, stop, drop to the ground and roll over and over to put out the fire.
  - Keep combustible items such as cooking utensils, dishcloths, paper towels and pot holders a safe distance from the stove.
  - Keep children away from the stove. Make sure electrical cords are not dangling from countertops, where they could be pulled over by small children.
  - Cool a burn by running cool water over the wound for 3 to 5 minutes. If the burn is severe, seek medical attention.
  - Stay in the kitchen and pay attention when cooking!
  - Drink responsibly when cooking.
  - If a fire occurs, get out immediately and call 911

### **Police Department**

- 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.
- The Gananoque Police Service will now be notified of all persons returning to Canada from outside the country. Information will be provided through Canada

Border Services on the names of persons entering from outside the country, as well as their place of mandatory quarantine, be it their personal residence or otherwise. The police service will be checking these residences to ensure compliance under the Quarantine Act.

### **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.
- Curbside brush collection will take place the week of April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2020
- Leaf and yard waste collection starts the week of April 27<sup>th</sup>
- Residential drop-off of leaf, yard waste, brush, and scrap steel is now available at the end of James A Brennan Road, Wednesdays and Saturdays from 8:00 and to Noon

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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