



For Immediate Release

August 12, 2020

Town of Gananoque Lifts COVID-19 State of Emergency

Mayor Ted Lojko has lifted the State of Emergency in the Town of Gananoque. Over four and half months have passed since it was first declared on March 31, 2020.

“Lifting the State of Emergency does not mean we are finished or we can go back to what once was,” stated Mayor Lojko, “Instead we must continue to be mindful and remain diligent as COVID-19 is not over.

The Province moved forward with the adoption of the Re-Opening Ontario Act which ended the Ontario State of Emergency and the Town has followed their lead. Emergency Orders that have been issued under the State of Emergency will remain in effect in an effort to continue with public health and safety risks related to COVID-19.

The Town residents and businesses have done well in terms of low number of cases in the United Counties of Leeds and Grenville West area which includes Gananoque, Rideau Lakes, Westport, Leeds and a Thousand Islands with a total of 14 resolved cases at this time. The continuation of physical distancing, staying home when we are sick, washing our hands, cleaning of surfaces and wearing face masks inside enclosed public spaces is effective to ensure public safety for you and your families.

Mayor Lojko expressed his thanks to all of the people in Gananoque for their cooperation and support. “It hasn’t been easy and now there will be different challenges as we cautiously move forward”.

The Municipal Emergency Control Group for the Town will continue to monitor the situation as required and the newly appointed Gananoque Recovery Task Force will be developing a strategic plan to support local initiatives for an economic recovery.

Small businesses are reminded of the COVID-19 recovery grant and loan program that is available for the implementation of permanent sanitization stations, signage, shields and barriers, cashless transaction and other measures. The program is outlined in the Community Improvement Plan which is available on the Town’s website <https://www.gananoque.ca/invest-in-gananoque/community-improvement-plan>.

For more information, contact:
Shellee Fournier, CAO
30 King Street East
Gananoque ON K7G 2T6
613-382-2149 ext.1113
sfournier@gananoque.ca