



The Corporation of the Township of Bonnechere Valley

For Immediate Release

RE: Beaches Closed, Level 1 Fire Ban, Municipal Office Reopening, Waste Site Fees, Drive-thru COVID-19 Testing

Township of Bonnechere Valley – May 29, 2020 – At beaches across Ontario, the end of May typically marks the start of the beach season. This year, it will be different due to the measures in place to curb the spread of the virus. All beaches in Ontario and in Bonnechere Valley are currently closed under the province's Declaration of Emergency.

With lots of sun and little rain, Bonnechere Valley continues to be under a Level 1 Ban, meaning no permits will be issued for open air burning. During this Ban fire works are not permitted at this time. Campfires are still allowed however the Bonnechere Valley Fire Department is stressing the importance of making sure flames are fully extinguished when done and to never leave a campfire unattended.

As we get ready to re-open the Township of Bonnechere Valley's municipal office to the public on Monday, June 8, 2020 we want to ensure that residents and visitors understand the new method of visiting the office. We will only allow 2 people in the building at a time while another 2 people will be asked to wait outside for their turn. Others will need to wait in their vehicles. All planning and building matters as well as marriage licences will only be done by appointment.

Beginning July 1, 2020 you will once again need to purchase garbage tags for curbside pickup and the green (dump) cards to visit any of our sites, the Household Hazardous Waste Depot will be open at Sand Road, and Penalty/Interest will be applied to all taxes and late payments.

Drive-thru COVID-19 testing is now available in Renfrew County. Thanks to the County of Renfrew Paramedic Service, mobile test stations will be set up at a variety of location in the county. If you would like to be swabbed, please pre-register through the RC VTAC (1-844-727-6404). Bring your health card and drivers licence with you so that they can confirm your identity and please wear a mask. If you do not pre-register you will need to register in the parking lot.

Dates for the Eganville location are: Saturday, May 30th from 2 pm to 4 pm, Tuesday, June 2nd from 2 pm to 4 pm, Thursday, June 4th from 2 pm to 4 pm and Saturday, June 6th from 2 pm to 4 pm at the Eganville Arena Parking Lot (178 Jane Street, Eganville).

Our BV HEROs for this week are our 2020 Grads. Congratulations to you all! Be Bold, Be Courageous, Be Your Best!

The next press release will be released on Friday, June 5th, 2020 at 10 am.

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