



The Corporation of the Township of Bonnechere Valley

For Immediate Release

RE: Canada Day, Cancellation of Minor Sports Seasons, Fire Ban Continues, Boat Launch Locations and Bonnechere Valley Heroes

Township of Bonnechere Valley – May 1, 2020 – In an effort to mitigate the impacts of COVID-19 on human health and the economy, municipalities are discontinuing or reducing a wide range of services and locations. In addition to restricting access to public spaces and buildings, municipalities are trying to flatten the curve to stop the spread of COVID-19 by cancelling or reducing services and events.

In Bonnechere Valley, we continue to monitor the situation on a weekly basis with our Emergency Management Control Group. As Canada Day is now only a couple of months away, we have not yet decided as to whether this year's event will occur. Council has discussed the possibility of ordering fireworks to have on hand for another date should Bonnechere Valley decide not to go ahead with the July 1st celebrations. Another major event scheduled for late August is "Taste of the Valley" however we are cautiously optimistic that this event will go forward.

We are saddened but understand the situation concerning the cancellation of the Eganville Minor Soccer and Eganville Minor Ball programs for the 2020 season. Please stay tuned in 2021 for registration opportunities.

Despite the rainy weather recently The Township of Bonnechere Valley remains in a Level 2 Fire Ban/Restrictive Fire Zone as implemented by the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry for the Province of Ontario. Once again this means NO burning of any kind including campfires. For outdoor cooking only charcoal or gas/propane barbecues are permitted. It is illegal to set a fire for any purpose within the affected area.

As stated in last week's press release, we have not closed our municipal boat launches for fishing and we are encouraging residents to follow physical distancing rules when angling.

Locations of our boat launches are as follows:

- At Bonnechere Lodge along Golden Lake
- At Water Street in Eganville along the Bonnechere River

Like so many Canadians across the country, we have been feeling an immense amount of gratitude and respect for the frontline heroes that are from Bonnechere Valley. If you know of someone who should be recognized please send us an email to admin@eganville.com with the name of the person or organization and we will be sure to give a shout out to them as one of our Bonnechere Valley Heroes.

The next press release will be issued on Friday, May 8, 2020 at 10 am.

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