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For Immediate Release

RE: Continuation of Service & COVID-19 (Novel Coronavirus)

Township of Bonnechere Valley – March 16, 2020 - The Township of Bonnechere Valley's Emergency Management Group met today to review the current situation involving COVID-19. The Emergency Management Group will be monitoring the situation on a weekly basis.

Residents are directed to the Renfrew County & District Health Unit for information and guidance on COVID-19. The risk currently remains low in Renfrew County. Please refer to the instructions on how to protect yourself and your family. <https://www.rcdhu.com/novel-coronavirus-covid-19-2/>

Please follow these instructions to reduce the spread of germs:

- Wash your hand often with soap and water or use alcohol-based sanitizers;
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth, unless you have just cleaned your hands with soap;
- Cover your cough and sneeze with a tissue or into your arm, not your hand;
- If possible, stay home if you are sick;
- Avoid visiting people in hospitals or long-term care centers if you are sick
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces;
- It is still recommended to get your flu shot if you have not already as the flu virus is still circulated in the community.

The Township is maintaining essential services as we continue to monitor the situation with guidance from the health unit and other levels of government. The Public Works Office, the Water Plant and the Municipal Office will be closed for walk-ins. Residents are encouraged to make payments for water and taxes online and utilize the afterhours drop box. Dog Tag purchases will be extended to a date to be determined and the early bird rate will continue to be honoured. All staff will be available by phone or email and the staff directory is on the Township's website at www.bonnecherevalleytwp.com.

Essential services such as the landfill, curbside pick-up and routine road maintenance are not impacted at this time. To protect the safety of our employees and residents we are waiving the need for garbage tags and/or a waste cards when you attend any of our municipal waste sites. You are asked to refrain from attending municipal facilities if you are sick and keep a 2m or 6ft distance from others.

The following events and services are impacted:

- Arena operations including Public Skating are suspended for the season;
- Functions being held at the Eagles Nest are postponed until further notice;
- Bonnechere Union Public Library is closed effective immediately until further notice;
- The next regular Committee and Council meetings scheduled for Tuesday, March 24th are cancelled as well as the Public Meeting considering the Zoning Amendment.
- The Township of Bonnechere Valley's Budget Meeting scheduled for Friday, March 20th is cancelled;
- The Youth Dance scheduled for Friday, April 3rd is cancelled;
- The Easter Egg Hunt scheduled for Saturday, April 11th is cancelled.

We appreciated your understanding and cooperation as we work to limit the spread of COVID-19. For further information please contact Dana Jennings at 613.628.3101 ext. 226 or danaj@eganville.com.