



The Corporation of the Township of Bonnechere Valley

For Immediate Release

RE: COVID-19, Closures to facilities and events, Final Tax Installment Due Date and Operational Review Report

Township of Bonnechere Valley – October 2, 2020 – As the number of COVID-19 cases continues to increase in the Province of Ontario the Township of Bonnechere Valley is cautioning all our visitors and residents of the mandatory face mask policy for all indoor public facilities. Implementation of the policy will be enacted and enforced in “good faith” and will be primarily used to educate people on mask/face covering use in public spaces. **NO** person shall be required to provide proof of any of the exemptions or be turned away and **NO** medical documentation is required for a medical exemption from wearing a mask/face covering.

As long, as the mandatory face mask policy for indoor public facilities is in effect the Township of Bonnechere Valley will continue to hold their Committee, Public and Regular Council Meeting via Zoom Conferencing. The next scheduled meeting is for Tuesday, October 6, 2020 with the Committee meeting commencing at 1:30 pm.

Drive-thru COVID-19 testing is continuing throughout the County, thanks to the County of Renfrew Paramedic Service. The next time they will be in **Eganville is on Wednesday, October 7th from 11 am to 3 pm at 30 Bell Street**. 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.

There are some upcoming closures to facilities and/or activities in the municipality that you should take note of:

- The Household Hazardous Waste Depot at Sand Road will be CLOSED as of October 10th.
- The main bridge in the Village will continue to be CLOSED until October 30th for bridge rehabilitation. Traffic will be rerouted to the lower bridge (John Street to Mill Street).
- The washrooms in all municipal parks will be CLOSED for the season after Thanksgiving as we start to winterize all facilities.
- The Farmers’ Market is wrapping up for the season on Friday, October 9th of Thanksgiving Weekend.

Just a reminder that the final installment for your 2020 taxes are due on October 30th. Residents are encouraged to utilize online payment options. Tax and water bills can be paid online through your online banking services, through your financial institution.

The Ice is in at the Arena. Programming will begin on October 3rd with new Covid-19 protocols and precautions in place. The dressing rooms will be open however showers will remained closed as recommended by the Renfrew County District Health Unit and regulated by the Province of Ontario.

In June 2020, Municipal Government Wayfinders Ltd., was retained by the Township of Bonnechere Valley to complete an Operational Review (OR). The report can be viewed on the Township’s website at <https://www.bonnecherevalleytwp.com/council-and-staff/township-of-bonnechere-valley-operational-review/>. The report contains 75 recommendations however Council has not made any decisions regarding these recommendations at this time. Department Heads will be presenting at future Committee Meetings where each recommendation by department will be discussed.

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