



The Corporation of the Township of Bonnechere Valley

For Immediate Release

RE: Outdoor Recreational Amenities, Victoria Day Weekend, Campgrounds etc.

Township of Bonnechere Valley – May 21, 2021 – The Ontario government has announced that some outdoor recreational amenities will reopen with restrictions in place starting tomorrow (May 22) at 12:01 am.

The province will reopen outdoor recreational amenities like golf courses and driving ranges, soccer and other sports fields, tennis and basketball courts, baseball diamonds, beaches and skate parks. Outdoor limits for social gatherings and organized public events will be expanded to five people, including members of different households. Organized leagues are not permitted at this time.

We have had a great week of hot weather however, the Eganville Splash Pad must remain closed until June 14, 2021 when we are expected to enter the step one phase of the province’s “Roadmap to Reopen” strategy.

Roadmap to Reopen is a three-step plan to safely and cautiously reopen the province and gradually lift public health measures based on the provincewide vaccination rate and improvements in key public health and health care indicators. For more information on the plan please visit <https://news.ontario.ca/en/release/1000161/ontario-releases-three-step-roadmap-to-safely-reopen-the-province>

In Bonnechere Valley, many residents may be eager to hold and attend garage/yard sales however we are cautioning residents that garage/yard sales often see multiple residents gathered in smaller spaces, and the exchange of cash as well as handling of items could lead to the spread of the virus. We are recommending that residents wait until June 14th to host one.

With the Victoria Day weekend fast approaching we have been receiving calls to check if the township has instituted a fire ban. We are pleased to say that we have not! A reminder that permits must be obtained for all open air burning and you can apply for a permit online by visiting the Township’s website at <https://www.bonnecherevalleytwp.com/departments/fire-department/open-air-burns/>. Campfires are permitted and the Bonnechere Valley Fire Department stresses the importance of making sure flames are fully extinguished when done and to never leave a campfire unattended.

At our waste sites we are now on summer hours and the full list of waste site locations and hours are on our website at <https://www.bonnecherevalleytwp.com/departments/waste->

[management/waste-site-hours-of-operation/](#). Please note that the Sand Road Waste Site will be closed on Monday, May 24th for Victoria Day as is the Township of Bonnechere Valley's Municipal Office.

The province's Say-at-Home Order is still in effect until June 2, 2021 and with that order all municipal buildings are closed to walk-in traffic. If you require services, you can make an appointment at the Township Municipal Office for essential purposes such as planning, payments, building permits, lottery licenses, marriage licenses or commissioning of documents.

Payments for water and taxes can be made by utilizing the afterhours drop box at the municipal office, via online or telephone banking and/or visiting your location banking institution, or via mail.

Campgrounds must also comply with the Stay-at Home order, which states that travelling to your seasonal residence is permitted if you intend to be there for less than 24 hours AND are attending for one of the purposes permitted under the Stay-at-Home order, or if you intend to be there for 14 days. More information can be found on the Renfrew County and District Health Unit's website at www.rcdhu.com

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