

The Corporation of the Township of Bonnechere Valley

For Immediate Release

RE: Playgrounds Reopening, Face Masks, Level 1 Burn Ban, Cancellation of Fire Departments Pancake Breakfast, Bonnechere Valley Golf Tournament, Bookings at the Eagle's Nest and Ask Mayor Murphy

Township of Bonnechere Valley – July 17, 2020 – As we enter into Stage 3 of Ontario's reopening, Bonnechere Valley is pleased to advise that our outdoor playgrounds and play structures are permitted to reopen today. Parents must always supervise their children and please make sure to still practice physical distancing and wash or sanitize hands before and after use.

The Renfrew County District Health Unit implemented mandatory face masks for all indoor public facilities which took effect earlier this week. To assist with public education of this directive staff are giving verbal reminders to all customers entering the premises without 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 Meetings via Zoom Conferencing. The next scheduled meeting is for Tuesday, August 11, 2020 with the Committee meeting commencing at 1:30 pm.

The Township of Bonnechere Valley is now at a **Level 1 Fire Ban**. Campfires are allowed but permits for brush burning are no longer available. We want to remind you to use caution by never leaving campfires unattended and by making sure it's fully extinguished at the end of the night. All information pertaining to the status of the Fire Ban Levels can be found on the Bonnechere Valley Fire Rescue and the Township of Bonnechere Valley's Facebook pages as well on the municipality's website, www.bonnecherevalleytwp.com

The Bonnechere Valley Fire Department is sorry to announce the cancellation of their Annual Pancake Breakfast which is normally held the August long weekend. Traditional buffets and/or self serve style dining are part of the public health restrictions of COVID-19.

The 23rd Annual Bonnechere Valley Golf Tournament will be held on Friday, August 14th at Whitetail Golf Course. The tournament this year will be run with a Tee Off Time to ensure the safety of both players and staff, so NO Shotgun Start. Each team will be assigned a tee time starting at 11:00 am. COVID-19 policies and precautions will be in place including pre-registration at the Township Office. If you would like to register and/or support our initiative, please contact Kevin McGrath at 613.628.3101 ext. 2613.

With the recent announcement of the 50-person limit on indoor gatherings the Eagle's Nest is now available to take bookings for gatherings. Keep in mind that it is recommended that the face mask/coverings policy be in effect for these gatherings.

Our "Ask Mayor Murphy" segment live on location today from Tierney's Hair Salon on John Street. Watch for the posting of the segment on the Township of Bonnechere Valley's Facebook page later today.

The next press release will be released on Friday, July 24th, 2020 at 10 am.

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