



The Corporation of the Township of Bonnechere Valley

For Immediate Release

RE: Building Permit, Bonnechere Union Public Library and Fishing in Bonnechere Valley

Township of Bonnechere Valley – April 24, 2020 – Our lives have all changed dramatically over the past few weeks with the aggressive world wide spread of COVID-19. This is an extremely serious situation and it is the duty of every single resident to heed the instructions of the various levels of Government and Health Authorities to self isolate - **TO STAY HOME - TO STAY SAFE.**

During this difficult period, we ask that we all look out for our neighbours and friends who are isolated and may be experiencing challenges obtaining food or medications, or who may find that this situation is taking a toll of their mental health. Please, reach out by making a phone call or sending a message to neighbours, friends and family members. A reminder to residents to visit the "It Takes a Village" website, www.bvccovid19.ca and facebook page as it has useful resources and information to assist us through the COVID-19 pandemic.

Bonnechere Valley's response to the governments notice on the changes to Ontario Regulation 82/20 (the "Order"), as a result of the outbreak of COVID-19. The province instituted changes reducing the number and type of construction activities deemed to be essential and limiting residential construction to certain types of projects. The building department is moving forward with inspections for permits issued prior to April 5, 2020 for open air inspection. We request that nobody is on site for the enclosed indoor inspections for at least three days before the date of inspection. Applications are being accepted electronically and Permits will continue to be issued. The issuance of Building Permits after April 5th, 2020 however should not be construed as a statement that the construction of the building described in the permit is permitted as an essential business pursuant to the Order. All non-essential construction must be deferred until the government of Ontario has lifted the Order or enacted further changes to permit non-essential construction activities. For further information please contact Chief Building Official Mark Schroeder at 613.281.2200 during our regular office hours or via email at cbo@eganville.com.

The Bonnechere Union Public Library is virtually open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, offering an array of services and resources for people of all ages here in the community. Looking for something to do? Check out their Facebook page: www.facebook.com/BonnechereUPL .

Please note, that the Bonnechere Union Public Library are not providing books from their collection to anyone at this time. However, they are donating discarded books to the Seniors Centre for distribution to those in need. Please call the Seniors Centre at 613-628-2354 for more information.

Bonnechere Valley is known for its various lakes and rivers and we know that many of you have questions related to the impact this situation may have on your spring outdoor pursuits. Going fishing is on the list of reasons to leave the house during the pandemic shutdown. The provincial government says fishing season will open as usual next month. Anglers are being encouraged to follow physical distancing rules and stay two metres apart from others. As well anglers are being advised to fish as local as possible and don't make any stops to and from your fishing location, and to only fish with members of your household.

However, some municipalities and Conservation Authorities have already restricted access to their lands, and many retailers that usually offer fishing and hunting licences are no longer open to the public. That is not the case in Bonnechere Valley as we have not closed our municipal boat launches for fishing. *"MAY THE HOLES IN YOUR NET BE NO LARGER THAN THE FISH IN IT" – IRISH BLESSING*

The next press release will be issued on Friday, May 1, 2020 at 10 am.

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