



## *The Corporation of the Township of Bonnechere Valley*

**For Immediate Release**

**RE: Messages to Bonnechere Valley Residents**

**Township of Bonnechere Valley – April 10, 2020** – Ontario Premier Doug Ford sought to assure Ontario kids that they would get a visit from the Easter Bunny, calling the holiday mascot’s work “an essential service.” In Bonnechere Valley we know how difficult the COVID-19 health crisis has been and we are asking families to stay home and to do their best to enjoy the holiday.

Watch for “Bonnie” the Bonnechere Valley Bunny as she will be assisting with a Virtual Easter Treasure Hunt for the children of Bonnechere Valley to participate in. We encourage our residents to send pictures and/or videos of their children participating in this hunt to Dana Jennings at [danaj@eganville.com](mailto:danaj@eganville.com). They will be posted for all to see on our social media outlets.

In terms of Council Meetings we held our first Committee and Council meeting via ZOOM this past Tuesday. A reminder that public can attend these Committee and Council Meetings virtually through the Township of Bonnechere Valley’s YouTube channel. Links to the April 7<sup>th</sup> YouTube meetings are available on our website.

All residents may use any of the township’s transfer waste sites to recycle your materials and dispose of your waste. However over the course of the Easter weekend we will have some closures, please take note that on Sunday, April 12<sup>th</sup> the Lake Clear Road, McGrath Road and Ruby Road waste sites will be CLOSED on Monday, April 13<sup>th</sup> the Sno Drifters site and the Sand Road waste sites will be CLOSED.

The Bonnechere Valley Fire Department is reminding residents that if you're looking for something to do to sit down as a family and make a home escape plan in case of fire. Find two ways out from anywhere in your home and decide on a safe meeting place outside. Practice your plan so each member of your family knows what to do in an emergency.

The County of Renfrew in order to better understand the circumstances of the impacts to the businesses and people within the County during the COVID-19 pandemic has create a short survey and is asking for assisting by completing it. The link is <https://bit.ly/2X9RX91>. As well the Labour Market Group of Renfrew and Lanark is looking for 15 second videos of you talking about how your business is doing so that they can create a video highlighting how the business community is doing right now. You can email your videos, questions or comments to: [renfrewlanark@gmail.com](mailto:renfrewlanark@gmail.com).

A meeting was held on April 7, 2020 to update the stakeholders of the Bonnechere River Water Management Plan regarding Killaloe-Hargarty-Richards amendment and the current conditions of the Bonnechere River System. At this meeting Renfrew Power Generation gave a summary of the current conditions. Lake levels are rising ahead of 2019 due to an early start to melt this year. The melt so far has been very slow and manageable. Renfrew Power Generation will check on conditions and post results on their website at <http://www.renfrewpg.ca/water-levels-flow-history/>. Round Lake current rise rate is double that of Golden Lake. This is believed to be due to the fact there was more snow on the ground in the upper reaches to melt.

The next press release will be issued on Friday, April 17, 2020 at 10 am.

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