



The Corporation of the Township of Bonnechere Valley

**For Immediate Release
RE: Easter Weekend Updates**

Township of Bonnechere Valley – April 7, 2020 –Every year we look forward to the return of our seasonal residents and visitors. However, at this time our supplies are limited and cannot take the additional strain. If there were any kind of accident or emergency, our first responders here would be limited in providing additional assistance with the current challenges we are facing under Covid-19.

As the Easter Weekend approaches, we are reminding our residents that the Province has prohibited organized public events and social gatherings of more than five people. At the same time that we are asking seasonal residents not to visit, we are asking our residents not to travel. When residents leave and come back, they are potentially becoming carriers of the virus when they interact with others. The federal government and the province are very firmly telling all of us to stay home.

The Township of Bonnechere Valley is in a Level 2 Fire Ban/Restrictive Fire Zone as implemented by the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry for the Province of Ontario. This means NO burning of any kind including campfires. For outdoor cooking only charcoal or gas/propane barbecues are permitted. Once a Restricted Fire Zone is declared, it is illegal to set a fire for any purpose within the affected area. Failure to comply could result in: a fine up to \$25,000.

The Easter Weekend will also affect which sites will be open. We will have the following closures over the course of the weekend: Lake Clear Road, McGrath Road, and Ruby Road Waste Sites will be CLOSED on Sunday, April 12, 2020. The Sand Road Waste Site will be CLOSED on Monday, April 13, 2020. **A reminder that we have waived the need to have garbage tags on bags (for curbside pick-up) and you also do not require the “green” dump card to visit any of our waste sites.**

As a community we can better face the challenges of this pandemic if we work together. We are excited to announce the launch of a new website www.bvccovid19.ca which is a resource that contains the contact information for a group of volunteers to assist those of us who, due to health concerns or physical limitations, cannot leave their homes during this time of social distancing. It is also a place where useful information is shared.

Even though the Bonnechere Valley Easter Egg Hunt was cancelled stay tuned later this week as “Bonnie” the Bonnechere Valley Bunny will be assisting us in a Virtual Scavenger Hunt which will we post on social media.

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