

## **Provincial Lockdown and How it Affects Bonnechere Valley**

December 23, 2020 - The Province of Ontario announced a province wide shutdown beginning Saturday, December 26th at 12:01 am for 28 days. Residents are encouraged to follow the guidance and protocols of the Renfrew County & District Health Unit. Many of our residents are wondering how this will affect them within the Township of Bonnechere Valley.

The Township of Bonnechere Valley's Municipal Office is open to the public Monday to Friday 8:30 am to 4:30 pm. Please note the hours for the holiday season: December 24<sup>th</sup> - Closed at noon, December 25<sup>th</sup> - Closed, December 28<sup>th</sup> - Closed, December 31<sup>st</sup> - Closed at noon and January 1<sup>st</sup> - Closed. We only allow 2 people in the building at a time while another 2 people will be asked to wait outside for their turn. Others will need to wait in their vehicles. Please ensure to wear a face mask.

Appointments are encouraged for discussions on planning and building matters as well as obtaining a marriage licence. Our staff directory is on our website <a href="https://www.bonnecherevalleytwp.com">www.bonnecherevalleytwp.com</a> should you want to email or phone any of our staff.

During the holidays you can still make payments on water or tax accounts, residents can use online or telephone baking, mailing a cheque to the Township of Bonnechere Valley or dropping a payment off in the secure mail slot located at the office.

Committee and Council Meetings will continue to be held virtually through the Township of Bonnechere Valley's YouTube channel. Agendas are available on our website, or via email, fax, or regular mail upon request. Upcoming meeting dates are Tuesday, January 5th, Wednesday, January 20th, Tuesday, February 2nd and Tuesday, February 16th.

Delegation requests must be submitted in writing prior to the meeting. If you have questions, please contact the municipal office by phone 613.628.3101 or email – admin@eganville.com

The Bonnechere Union Public Library is closed to the public effective December 23<sup>rd</sup> at 3 pm They are transitioning the library back to curbside pickup with a limited access framework. For more info call 613.628.2400.

All public skating and ice rentals are cancelled at the Eganville Arena until further notice. The Outdoor Rink in Eganville's Centennial Park will remain open depending on weather conditions and social distancing protocols are in effect, maximum 10 people and no hockey or other team sports will be permitted.

The transfer sites and landfill sites will remain open with social distancing in place. Please note that all the waste sites will be closed on December 26<sup>th</sup>. However, Lake Clear and McGrath Road will be open on December 27<sup>th</sup> from noon to 4 pm and Sand Road will be open on December 28<sup>th</sup> from 2 pm to 4 pm. For Village Residents there are no changes to the recycling and curbside collection dates.

It has been a tough few month for our local businesses, and we want to encourage you to continue to shop local. Take advantage of our local restaurants and retailers that are offering curbside pickup.

Do you require COVID-19 Testing? Please self-isolate and contact the Renfrew County Virtual Triage and Assessment Centre at 1.844.727.6404.

We appreciate your cooperation and understanding as we work to together to mitigate the spread of COVID-19. Stay safe and stay Bonnechere Valley strong!

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