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**Joint Mayor Message from Bonnechere Valley Mayor Jennifer Murphy and
North Algona Wilberforce Mayor James Brose**

We both worked very hard at getting the message out (to stay home) last week. Huge thanks to the people from Ottawa, Toronto and surrounding municipalities outside Renfrew County for listening to the message and staying at home in your own community.

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.

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 is very firmly telling all of us to stay home.

If you think you may have COVID-19 symptoms or have been in close contact with someone who has it, first self-isolate and then use Ontario's Self-Assessment Tool to see if you need to seek further care.

If you need further assistance, call Telehealth Ontario at 1-866-797-000, or Renfrew County Virtual Triage and Assessment Centre at 1-844-727-6406. You can also call RCDHU at 613-735-8654.

Both of our Townships are striving to maintain all essential services as we continue to monitor the situation with guidance from the County and other levels of government. For the safety and health of our communities, all municipal buildings are closed to the public at this time however staff will be available by phone or email and the staff directory is on the Township's website. Please check our social media pages for regular updates. On Tuesdays and Fridays BV posts a scheduled update and NAW does the same on Tuesdays and Friday. Check your mailbox for our newsletter coming directly to your home next week.

Essential services such as the landfill, transfer stations, curbside pick-up and routine road maintenance are not impacted at this time. To protect the safety of our employees and residents we are waiving the need for garbage tags for collection and/or waste cards when you attend any of our municipal waste sites.

For Residents on municipal sewer services; please be mindful that item such as wipes, hygiene products dental floss, and even hair should not be flushed as they can create blockages in both the homeowner's pipe as well as municipal sewer pipe. Please only flush products that will breakdown. Doing this will reduce maintenance and eliminate emergency repairs by municipal crews.

Keeping distance from others, residents can still stroll through our parks. The province has mandated that play structures are to be closed so please keep children away. The Bonnechere Union Public Library is offering online services for children and adults.

We will continue to provide the essential services you rely on. Our Councils will continue to meet and even though our municipal buildings are closed to the public during the COVID 19 pandemic the public will still be able to attend Committee and Council meetings virtually on line, check our web pages for details. Agendas will continue to be available on our website, or via email, fax or regular mail upon request.

We are so grateful to all the essential businesses, health care professionals and volunteers for continuing to support the community and it's most vulnerable. Further we are very proud of our own dedicated staff that adjust daily to the ongoing changes in their workplace through this difficult time. We thank you all for your patience and understanding as we continue to deliver services in these challenging times.

If you have questions please contact the municipal office by phone or email. Stay Renfrew County Strong. We are in this together.

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Coronavirus Updates on Municipal Programs and Services

NOTE: ALL MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS ARE CLOSED TO WALK-IN TRAFFIC. FOR INFO CALL 613.628.3101

Dog Tag purchases will be extended to a date to be determined and the early bird rate will continue to be honored.



Fire Ban Level II

- Until further notice -
No open air burning. No campfires.
No burn permits issued.
Thank you for your understanding



No interest will be incurred on water and tax bills however, we do encourage you to pay what you can.



All parks and playgrounds are closed until further notice to ensure the safety of our residents.



No waste cards are required at this time for any of the waste site. No garbage tags are required for curbside pick-up or drop off at the waste site.

Not required

Working from home? No access to the internet? In Bonnechere Valley there are some locations that you can access from the comfort of your vehicle. Those locations are: BV Municipal Office (49 Bonnechere St E), Eganville Arena (178 Jane St), Eganville Tourist Booth (38 Bonnechere St. W) and the Bonnechere Union Public Library (74 Maple St).

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



During the COVID-19 pandemic a group of local residents started a Facebook group called "It takes a Village: Eganville & Area Help Network. This group provides to those in need due to self isolation with a helping hand from some community angels. If you need some groceries, a trip to the pharmacy or an errand, etc and don't have access to Facebook do not worry! Please contact Dana Jennings, 613.628.3101 ext. 226 and we will connect your request and with someone who can reply to your need. There is also a website www.bvcovid19.ca which lists resources to assist each other through this pandemic.

Effective, April 1, 2020, we are implementing Summer Hours at all of our Waste sites. Please note: This does not include the municipal household hazardous waste depot at Sand Road as it will remain closed until further notice. Waste Sites are CLOSED Easter Sunday and Easter Monday.

Please see below the listing of hours.

| Waste Site/ Transfer Site | Sno Drifters Hours | Sand Road Hours | Lake Clear Hours | McGrath Hours | Highway 41 Hours | Ruby Hours |
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| Saturday | 9 am - 3 pm | 9 am - 4 pm | | | 9 am - 4 pm | 9 am - 3 pm |
| Sunday | | | 1 pm - 6 pm | 12 pm - 4 pm | | 1 pm - 3 pm |
| Monday | 8 am - noon | 3 pm - 6 pm | | | | |
| Tuesday | 8 am - noon | | | | 3 pm - 6 pm | |
| Wednesday | 8 am - noon | 3 pm - 6 pm | | | | 1 pm - 3 pm |
| Thursday | 8 am - noon | | 3 pm - 6 pm | | | |