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Town of Smiths Falls responds to provincial stay at home orders

Smiths Falls – The Town of Smiths Falls is announcing the following measures in response to the provincial emergency declaration and stay-at-home orders made by the province of Ontario and which take effect on Jan. 14, 2021.

The following municipal facilities are closed as per provincial order and are projected to reopen when the stay-at-home order is lifted on Feb. 11, 2021. User groups for these facilities have been contacted.

- Smiths Falls Memorial Community Arena
- Smiths Falls Youth Arena
- Seniors Centre
- Heritage House Museum

Please note the following municipal locations are noted as open for use however users must conform to provincial restrictions. Users must maintain a physical distance of two metres with those outside their household and must wear a mask if physical distancing is not possible. No more than five people may gather at any point in time.

- Gleeson Off-Leash Dog Park
- Outdoor Arena (open for use once weather conditions are available to create natural ice) and with capacity restrictions
- Walking Trails

Citizens are advised to stay off the Rideau waterway as the ice is not suitable for ice skating with current ice conditions.

The Smiths Falls Public Library is closed however the library is offering curbside pick up and remote online programs. Materials can be requested from the Smiths Falls Public Library through the online catalogue at smithsfalls.insignails.com/Library/Home, by email at smithsfallslibrary@vianet.ca, or by telephone at 613-283-2911. The book drop-off at the Elmsley St. entrance will remain open and materials can be returned at any time.

Child Care Services

This Smiths Falls Child Development Centre is offering childcare services at the Saint Francis de Sales school site on Ross Street for children of pre-school age and toddlers.

The Town of Smiths Falls, in partnership with the County of Lanark and the province of Ontario, is sponsoring emergency child care services for essential service workers at the Thurber Street location in Smiths Falls. The service is being delivered by the Child Development Centre staff and is available for school aged children aged 3.8 years or older.

For a list of eligible essential service workers as identified by the province and other information please visit: lanarkcounty.ca/en/family-and-social-services/children_services.aspx. Essential workers who would like to register their child(ren) may request an application by emailing lclarke@lanarkcounty.ca.

Other Municipal Information

While the stay-at-home order remains in effect, the Town of Smiths Falls staff and Council members remain available and can be reached by email or telephone. A staff directory and contact information can be found on the Town of Smiths Falls' website at smithsfalls.ca/get-in-touch.

Billing or payments to the Town, including water bills and property taxes can be made using the drop box in front of Town Hall or through the online bill payment portal found at smithsfalls.ca. Building inspection and fire inspection services will continue with enhanced protocols in place.

Health Information

For additional information about COVID-19 please contact the Leeds, Grenville & Lanark District Health Unit at 1-800-660-5853 or visit their website at healthunit.org/coronavirus.

Citizens are encouraged to do their part in reducing the spread of SARS-COV-2 within the community and to maintain a physical distance of two metres with those outside their household. Wear a mask indoors and stay at home unless necessary to obtain

essential goods (ie. Groceries) or to attend appointments for services which remain open during this time (ie. Heathcare).

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