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Smiths Falls responds to changes in provincial restrictions; parks and playgrounds are now open

Smiths Falls – In response to recent changes in restrictions for the use of outdoor spaces, the Town of Smiths Falls has reopened outdoor locations previously announced closed.

The change comes after the province of Ontario announced on Friday, April 16 that all outdoor playgrounds would be closed to help stop the spread of COVID-19.

On April 17, the province instituted an amendment to that regulation which stated that: “An outdoor recreational amenity that is an off-leash dog area, park bench, outdoor playground, outdoor play structure or outdoor play equipment may be open.”

Accordingly, outdoor playgrounds in Smiths Falls, along with the Gleeson Dog Park, have now been reopened. All other outdoor amenities such as the skateboard park, tennis courts, basketball courts, outdoor fitness equipment and soccer fields are to remain closed at this time.

All residents are requested to follow all current and new restrictions as implemented by the province of Ontario. Residents are further reminded that outdoor gatherings are not permitted under the current regulations. Signage has been posted throughout the parks to remind residents of the restrictions.

For further information about the province of Ontario’s COVID 19 Stay at Home Order and additional enhancements, please visit:
news.ontario.ca/en/release/61192/ontario-strengthens-enforcement-of-stay-at-home-order.

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.

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