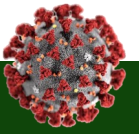


THE AUGUSTA QUARTERLY



Fall (September—November) 2020

COVID-19 UPDATE

Letter from Augusta Township Council

The Leeds, Grenville & Lanark District Health Unit has informed us that we have had a very low number of people living in Leeds, Grenville and Lanark who have become infected with COVID-19 for June, July and August. This is a direct result of people, businesses and services following the public health precautions that can help prevent the transmission of COVID-19. It's important not to be complacent however. A small number of cases in the area have recently been reported and there are still cases in Ottawa, parts of Ontario and other places we may visit. The virus may still be in our community either with individuals who are not showing any symptoms yet or who have very mild symptoms who have not been tested. The Health Unit encourages any one who may have symptoms to get tested. The nearest assessment center in our area is at the Brockville Memorial Centre (100 Magedoma Blvd.), which is open for walk-ins Monday-Friday 10-5:30pm, Saturday & Sunday 10-2:30pm. With winter coming and kids going back to school it's important that all residents continue to be COVID-19 S.M.A.R.T. (see below), and respect their social circles. By doing so, we can continue to keep our community safe and healthy. **Thank you** all for your efforts thus far.

- Doug Malanka,

Paying Your Taxes in Person at the Township Office

This tax season, residents are still being encouraged to pay their taxes by mailing in a cheque, paying online or paying at the bank (your account number is your full 19-digit roll #). However, residents will be able to pay their taxes in person if necessary.

Residents will be required to check in with reception using the newly installed intercom system in the lobby and follow directions from there. If there is already someone in the front lobby we ask that you line up outside (while still respecting physical distancing - watch for markings on the ground) and wait until that person enters the building before proceeding into the lobby. Once buzzed inside, you'll be asked to go directly to your assigned counter. After paying your taxes, you will be directed to exit the building using the side (south) exit door. Masks/face coverings will be required throughout this process. Should you have any questions about any of these procedures or about paying your taxes, please call the Township office.



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Tiny Houses, Big Ideas

Would you be interested in living in a Tiny Home Community or Ecovillage? If so, please contact our Township Planner, Myron Belej, at ext. 101 or by email at mbelej@augusta.ca.

AUGUSTA TOWNSHIP COVID-19 UPDATE

- The Township office is now open (with new COVID-19 protocols in place). Appointments are recommended to ensure staff are available and on site.
 - Township meetings dates & times will be posted on our website. It is anticipated that a limited number of in-person attendees may be accommodated at the Township office. To join the meeting (electronically or in person), contact the Clerk at asimonian@augusta.ca at least 1 hour before the start of the meeting.
 - There is a drop box inside the front entrance of the Township office that is available 24-7. Staff check it regularly throughout the day.
 - Green space (grassy areas), trails, and play equipment at the various Township recreation areas are now open for use as long as physical distancing can be adhered to. **Note: play equipment is NOT being sterilized/cleaned.**
 - Augusta's recreation facilities are working to reopen for meetings and certain types of events soon. They will not, however be available for weddings/parties until further notice. Event planners will be required to complete a form outlining how COVID-19 safety requirements will be met prior to booking the hall. We will update our website once more information is available or contact nwalker@augusta.ca.
 - The Library is now open again for those 6 years old+ (children must have parental supervision). A maximum of 6 people are allowed in at a time. Masks & physical distancing are required. Returns are only being accepted through the drop box. Curbside pick up is still available. The Recreation Lending Library is currently closed.
- Check our website and/or Facebook page regularly for up to date information regarding all changes to services.**

Be COVID-19 S.M.A.R.T.

S - Self-isolate if you have symptoms of COVID-19. Consider getting tested.
M - Wear a **M**ask/cloth face covering when in enclosed public spaces and when physical distancing is a challenge outdoors.
A - **A**void touching your face.
R - **R**emain 2 metres/6 feet apart from people you do not live with and people not in your social circle.
T - Take time for regular hand hygiene (wash for 20 seconds) and respiratory etiquette (cough/sneeze into a tissue or your arm).



Social Circle vs. Social Gathering

Are you staying true to your social circle?

Social Circle:

- Maximum of 10 people
- Must always be the same 10 people
- You can only belong to one social circle
- Close contact is allowed (e.g. hugging)
- Includes the people in your household



Social Gatherings:

- Maximum of 50 people indoors
- Maximum of 100 people outdoors
- Must maintain physical distancing (2 metres/6feet) or wear a mask when gathering with people outside your social circle



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Congratulations to the Public Library for serving our community for 25 years!

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NEW

After Hour Line

The Township has set up a new extension to allow residents to report urgent safety and infrastructure matters that cannot wait until the next business day. For example: a tree that has fallen on a Township road or a road that is flooding. The number to call is:

613-348-3455 ext. 311

NOTE: Urgent safety and infrastructure matters **DO NOT** include: general inquiries, tax questions, waste or recycling issues, animal control problems or to report that a road needs grading. For non-urgent matters, residents are still asked to call the Public Works Coordinator at 613-348-3455 ext. 202.

Lemon Point Lane Boat Launch



The Augusta Lemon Point Lane Boat Launch is once again open to residents. The site is open for canoeing, kayaking, sea-dogs and small watercraft launching. Campfires, camping, after dark use, dogs off leash, loud music and the consuming of alcoholic beverages are **NOT PERMITTED**. We ask that everyone please respect our neighbours' privacy and property rights. The property is not supervised. **USE AT YOUR OWN RISK.**



Business of the Year & Trailblazer of the Year Awards 2020

It's nomination time again. The Business of the Year Award is given to a business who has shown longevity, community involvement and innovation. The Trail Blazer Award is given to a young entrepreneur who has launched a business in the last 1 to 5 years, is under the age of 35 & has shown community involvement, innovation & sustainability. Watch for nomination forms and more details to come on our website/Facebook page.



Farmer's Market

Each Saturday from 9 am-12 pm at **8103 Main Street**, North Augusta hosts a Farmer's Market.

Vendors have a variety of items for sale including vegetables, eggs, preserves, baking, honey, artwork and clothing. Physical distancing and other COVID-19 precautions are in place. For more information or to become a vendor, please contact Nicole Walker at nwalker@augusta.ca.

The Quarterly Delivery Cycle

New editions of the Quarterly are sent out at the following times each year:

- **March** (with the interim tax bills)
- **June** (community mail out through Canada Post)
- **September** (with the final tax bills)
- **December** (community mail out through Canada Post)

We have received reports of residents not receiving their copy. Please note: if you rent your home, the Quarterly is being mail to your landlord in March & September.

In June & December, **EVERY** house/apartment/farm/business is supposed to receive the newsletter.



However, if you (or a previous owner) have placed a 'no flyers/no junk mail' order with Canada Post, you will not receive it or other Township notices. You can check the status of your mailbox with Canada Post. If you are to receive flyers and you still do not receive a copy, please email officeclerk@augusta.ca or call the township office so we can follow up with the post office. Copies are available on our website & in the front lobby of the Township office. You can also call the office & one can be mailed to you.



New Council Committees

Applications for the two new committees of Council - the Community Development Committee and the Agriculture and Rural Affairs Committee - are being accepted by the Clerk at asimonian@augusta.ca on an ongoing basis. For more information and for the application please visit our website.



Amnesty Days

Amnesty Day at our Transfer Sites will be on **September 26th**. Each

household in Augusta Township can bring ONE (1) mattress, ONE (1) box spring and ONE (1) couch/stuffed chair to either site for **FREE** disposal.

Hazardous Waste Day



The United Counties of Leeds & Grenville will be holding Hazardous Waste Day on **September 19th** in Spencerville & Kemptville. Visit our website for exact locations and times.

NOTE: These events may get cancelled due to COVID-19 on short notice. Please continue to check our website calendar/Facebook page for updates.

Upcoming Public Works Projects



- Main Street (east "dead" end) paving, planned to be completed by the end of October.
- Kyle Road Bridge & Klitbo Road Bridge Rehabilitation.



Winter Parking Restrictions

As per By-Law 3136-2014, winter parking restrictions go into effect starting **November 15** until **March 31**. Parking on Township roads between **11pm - 7am** is strictly prohibited during this time.

Rabies Clinic Cancelled for 2020

Due to COVID-19 concerns, the Leeds, Grenville & Lanark District Health Unit have announced that they will **NOT** be holding a rabies clinic this year. They recommend that residents visit a vet clinic to ensure they're pets stay healthy.



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