LIVING HERE

CHANGES TO GARBAGE COLLECTION – MAY LONG WEEKEND
Regularly scheduled garbage collection for Monday, May 18th will be picked up on Tuesday, May 19th. There are NO other changes to the garbage collection schedule. There are NO changes to recycling collection over this holiday. The Loughborough WDS will be closed on Monday, May 18th.

Wishing you all a safe beginning to a wonderful summer and please remember to recycle!

INTERIM TAX NOTICES DUE MAY 29, 2020
The Interim tax bill due date has been extended from March 31, 2020 to May 29th, 2020. Any post-dated cheques received dated March 31st will be processed May 29th, 2020. If you haven't received your Interim Tax Notice yet, you should contact the Tax Department at 613-376-3027 Ext. 2200 or email us at taxes@southfrontenac.net.

For additional information on financial measures available to property owners see our website under https://www.southfrontenac.net/en/living-here/property-taxes.aspx.

WASTE FACILITIES
As of May 4th, 2020, the Township reopened the following landfill sites to the public. We ask that residents continue to follow Public Health recommendations and use the landfill for critical or essential drop-offs only. For the sake of our frontline staff, please remain at home if you are sick or should be in self-isolation.

• The Portland waste disposal site located at 6085 Road 38 in Verona will now be open every Saturday and Wednesday from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm (with the exception of holidays). This site accepts cash and debit, however, debit transactions are encouraged at this time. This site also accepts brush free of charge (brush should be no bigger than 6” in diameter and leaves must be debagged).

• The Loughborough waste disposal site located at 1818 Norway Rd in Perth Road is now open every Saturday and Monday from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm (with the exception of holidays). This site accepts cash only.

• The Household Hazardous waste depot located at 2491 Keeley Rd in Sydenham is now open every Thursday from 3:00 pm to 8:00 pm.

PLANNING INQUIRIES
We encourage inquiries to be submitted using email (planning@southfrontenac.net) or via our intake forms on our website at www.southfrontenac.net under Open for Business/Planning & Development.

Prior to submitting a planning application, applicants are required to have a pre-consultation appointment with the planning staff. Times for pre-consultation appointments can be made by calling extension 2224. Due to COVID-19 office closures, these consultations will be via telephone. Booking a pre-consultation appointment helps us evaluate your application and provides you with important information about the process.

BUILDING AND PLANNING APPLICATIONS
We are continuing to accept Building and Planning applications and payments (cheques only) while our office is closed to the public. Applications are available on our website at www.southfrontenac.net under Open for Business, and can be submitted by placing them in the in the large drop box at the front door of the Township Office, 4432 George Street, Sydenham. We encourage email inquiries to be submitted to building@southfrontenac.net.

For Building Permits - staff continue to check applications for completeness and undertake technical review to issue new building permits for all construction however, inspections will not be performed for any non-essential construction projects until the COVID-19 Emergency Order is lifted. Building inspections on permits issued before April 4, 2020 will continue subject to specific safety protocols given current social distancing recommendations.

For Planning applications - the Township is in the process of implementing technology required to be able to conduct virtual/electronic public meetings that meet requirements under the Planning Act. We are preparing to reconvene Committee of Adjustment. Updates about the timing of Committee of Adjustment meetings will be available on our website: www.southfrontenac.net

THINGS TO DO

Swim and Day Camp
With the current uncertainty surrounding coronavirus (COVID-19) and the Province extending the state of emergency, the Township is delaying the opening of the Summer Swim/Camp Registration. Registration will open on May 25th, 2020, pending indication that non-essential services will resume. Registration for Township Swim & Day Camp will be available online or in-person at the Recreation Office - 2490 Keeley Rd, Sydenham.

Cancellation of Canada Day Events
Given the current uncertainty surrounding coronavirus and the Province extending the state of emergency, South Frontenac Council, Staff and Canada Day planning committees have had to make the difficult decision to not proceed with 2020 Canada Day Events.

The cancellations include events organized by the Harrowsmith Social and Athletics Club in Centennial Park, the Storerton Canada Day Committee in Sunbury Park and the Loughborough Canada Day Committee in Sydenham Point Memorial Park.

TOWN HALL

UPCOMING MEETINGS
• Special Committee of the Whole Meeting – May 19th, 2020 at 6:00pm – Electronic Participation
• Council Meeting – May 19th, 2020 at 7:00pm – Electronic Participation

NEWS & PUBLIC NOTICES

STATE OF EMERGENCY DECLARATION: COVID-19 INFECTIOUS DISEASE
During this difficult time, the Township is asking everyone in our community to take physical distancing seriously, especially around vulnerable populations and to stay at home to reduce the likelihood of further transmission. This includes:

• self-isolation,
• maintaining at least 2 metre distance from others,
• avoiding all unnecessary travel, washing your hands often,
• regularly disinfecting high touch zones in shared spaces in your home.

By acting decisively as a community, we can ensure the safety and well-being of our residents is maintained. For more information and the full statement, see our website.

Local Fire Ban Lifted in South Frontenac
Effective May 6th, 2020, the total burning ban was lifted in the Township of South Frontenac. This means that residents can return to having open air fires that are in compliance with the regulations set in the Township’s burning Bylaw 2012-68. Although the Township’s local fire ban has been lifted, a provincial fire ban enacted by the Ministry of Nature Resources & Forestry (MNRF) is still in place in the Bedford District of the Township and all of Frontenac Provincial Park.

The Township has no discretion over, nor can it enforce the Provincial ban.

The Township is reminding residents that with the lifting of the burn ban, there will be no additional brush drop-off days at the Township owned Quarry on Quarry Rd. We remind residents that they may be subject to fines for any illegal dumping at the site. As an alternative, the recently reopened Portland waste disposal site permits brush and yard waste disposal.

INVITATION TO TENDER
• Tender No. PS-2020-20 For 2020-2022 Screened Winter Sand - Sealed submissions must be received by 1:00 p.m., June 3rd, 2020.

Official forms detailing the general specifications and requirements may be downloaded from the BIDDINGO.COM website or picked up: Monday to Friday between 8:00am and 4:30pm at the Public Services Department, located at 2490 Keeley Road Sydenham, ON K0H 2T0

COMMUNITY PROJECT GRANTS DEADLINE EXTENDED TO MAY 31, 2020
Submissions for the Community Project Grant Program are now being accepted. Not for profit community organizations including charitable organizations and unincorporated groups who meet the project guidelines can apply until May 31st, 2020.

For more information and to access the related forms, visit our website at www.southfrontenac.net/communitygrants

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Temporary Closure of South Frontenac Offices & Facilities
Due to the developing COVID-19 pandemic, the Township of South Frontenac has decided to close the following facilities to the public until further notice:

• All Administrative Offices
• All township owned facilities & meeting rooms
• South Frontenac Museum
• All Outdoor Amenities (i.e. fields, dog park, benches & gazebos)

While offices will be closed to the public, most municipal services will continue to be delivered and public communications via telephone and email will remain in place during business hours. Your patience & cooperation during this time is greatly appreciated.