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AMO COVID-19 Update: Child Care, Enforcement Reporting and Provincial Parks

Province Announces Funding Plan to Sustain Child Care and Early Learning Services

The future viability of many operators in the child care and early learning sector is threatened as a result of the COVID-19 closures. In response, the Ontario government is implementing a plan with municipal service managers that will provide funding support to the licensed child care sector and EarlyON Child and Family Centres. The goal is to ensure that centres remain sustainable and ready to open when parents return to work.

EMCPA Enforcement Reporting now required

For municipal governments that have decided to enforce orders under the Emergency Measures and Civil Protection Act (EMCPA), the Ministry of the Solicitor General is now requesting that all provincial offences officers enforcing the emergency orders under the EMCPA, including municipal by-law enforcement officers, submit data weekly to the ministry related to their enforcement of the EMCPA. Data requested includes EMCPA enforcement individual action taken, complaints/calls made to municipality, and the number of individuals who received education from officers related to EMCPA emergency orders. See the Ministry’s memo to municipal by-law enforcement heads for more information.

Provincial Parks reopen for day use

Today 520 provincial parks and conservation reserves across the province are open, and the remaining 115 will open on the following Friday for limited day-use activities in time for the long weekend. Currently camping and other activities are not permitted at any provincial park or conservation reserve. All buildings and facilities including washrooms, water taps, all campgrounds, playgrounds, and beaches are closed to use. Park access is free until the end of the month.

In Other News:

Ontario Funding 2020-21 Connecting Links Projects in 24 Municipalities

Ontario Transportation Minister, the Honourable Caroline Mulroney, announced $30 million for the 2020-21 Connecting Links program, providing funding to 24 municipalities. Connecting Links are municipal roads that connect provincial highways.
in a municipality, acting as an important part of the provincial transportation network. The Ministry of Transportation provides up to 90 per cent of project funding to a maximum of $3 million for the design, construction, renewal, rehabilitation and replacement of connecting links infrastructure. Eligible municipal governments are encouraged to apply for 2021-22 funds later this year.

AMO’s COVID-19 Resources page is being updated continually so you can find critical information in one place. Please send any of your municipally related pandemic questions to covid19@amo.on.ca.

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