



**May 22, 2020**

## **LIFTING OF RESTRICTIONS FOR OUTDOOR RECREATIONAL AMENITIES**

Petawawa, ON – With the Government of Ontario announcing that additional outdoor recreational amenities are permitted to reopen here is the status for such amenities in Petawawa.

The Scentral Bark Dog Park is currently being readied for use and will be open to the public this Saturday May 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7 am. With the temporary closure of Civic Centre facilities due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the purchase of Scentral Bark Dog Park tags has been temporarily suspended. Dog owners, with a valid 2020 municipal pet tag, may use the dog park without a Scentral Bark Dog Park tag until such time as the office reopens and off leash park tags can be obtained. Municipal pet tags are available for purchase through an online portal. More information can be found at <https://www.petawawa.ca/residents/animal-control/animal-tags/>

The Petawawa Civic Centre tennis courts will be ready for use on Wednesday May 27<sup>th</sup>. Club membership fees and drop in fees have been waived for the 2020 summer period due to operational constraints during this pandemic. The tennis courts will be available daily from 8 am to 8 pm for use on a first come first serve basis.

The Construction Yard Bike Park is currently undergoing its annual spring maintenance. We anticipate the bike park to be ready for public use within the next two weeks.

The track and field lanes, recreational fields, basketball courts, park benches, picnic areas, park shelters and gazebos are currently open for use in all Town of Petawawa park locations. Please note however, that play structures, splash pads and beaches remain closed for use by order of the Province of Ontario.

Users of the facilities are reminded to maintain a vigilant observance to the recommended public health measures which include physical distancing, washing your hands regularly and staying home if you are unwell. Please adhere to the gathering restriction of no more than five people and ideally limit your exposure only to those within your household.

In these unusual times we all must do our part to keep everyone safe. We thank everyone for their continued patience and understanding. We will get through this together.