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VICTORIA DAY WEEKEND UPDATE

Petawawa, ON – The Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) has announced the lifting of the Restricted Fire Zone for the entire fire region of Ontario effective Saturday, May 16th at 12:01 am. This means that Petawawa residents with existing recreational burn permits will be permitted backyard fires. Please refer to our burning by-law which governs the use and types of fires permitted.

Today, the Black Bay and Petawawa Point boat launch facilities are in place and available for day use by the public. Users of these amenities are requested to adhere to the posted regulations and to respect the health and safety of all facility users.

Premier Ford announced yesterday that seasonal indoor and outdoor recreational amenities for individual use, which can be used while maintaining physical distancing, could be opened. Community Services staff will now undertake the necessary preparations to open these facilities in the coming weeks. For our community these amenities include the track and field venue, tennis courts and Bike Park. As the amenities are ready we will provide further notice.

Petawawa Terrace, a provincial park, has reopened for trail use. At this time, municipal parks, beach areas and other park amenities remain closed. Greenspaces such as the Millennium and Algonquin trails and other connective pathways can be used for walkthrough access only.

As we move towards opening more services and amenities it is important to remember that we must remain vigilant in our collective efforts to stop the spread of COVID-19. Ensure adherence to the recommended physical distance of 2 metres and avoid gathering in groups of more than five.

These remain unusual times and we thank the public for their continued patience and understanding. More resources and information is available on the municipal website at www.petawawa.ca.

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