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**Monday Message from the Mayor #5**  
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To the residents and businesses of Arnprior:

This week is Volunteer Appreciation Week across Canada and I want to start by thanking all of the volunteers in our community for their dedication and service throughout the year. Many of the programs, organization and events that we are fortunate enough to have in our community are due to the hard work of volunteers. Thank you for your dedication, selflessness and compassion to make a difference in the lives of the residents of Arnprior. We applaud you for all that you do!

Council held a special Council meeting virtually on April 14<sup>th</sup> which can be viewed at [www.arnprior.ca/youtube](http://www.arnprior.ca/youtube). At this meeting we had to make the unfortunate decision to cancel all events up until June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2020 however, I look forward to the day where we can all come together again as a community in celebration. Our recreation department who typically plan and run these events are working hard to keep you busy at home by providing a list of activities, workouts and ideas on our recreation-at-home website. Visit it at [www.arnprior.ca/recreation-at-home](http://www.arnprior.ca/recreation-at-home).

I am receiving questions regarding the landfill closure and want to remind residents that the curbside collection bag limit has been increased from 2 to 4 bags temporarily and the Spring Leaf and Yard Waste collection remains scheduled to begin on May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2020. Please note that items accepted in this curbside pick-up include plants, flowers, weeds, leaves, grass clippings and trimmed branches less than 1.5 inches in diameter, but do not include brush. Collection takes a few days so please leave your items out until picked up. For more information, please visit [www.arnprior.ca/leaf-yard-waste/](http://www.arnprior.ca/leaf-yard-waste/).

I am also receiving questions regarding the enforcement of Provincial Orders in our community. Here are some resources available with regard to infractions of the Emergency Act and Quarantine Act:

- For questions regarding price gouging, please contact Consumer Protection Ontario at 1-800-889-9768.
- For questions regarding unsafe practices of essential businesses or the operation of a business that is not on the essential businesses list, please contact the Renfrew County Health Unit at 613-735-8654 ext.555
- For questions regarding any other violations to the Orders, please contact By-law at 613-809-7048 or [bylaw.mles@gmail.com](mailto:bylaw.mles@gmail.com)

Thank you for helping to keep our community safe and reducing the spread of COVID-19 in our community.

Further links to other resources are available on the Town's COVID 19 webpage or by calling or emailing staff, with contact information available on the Contact Us link of the Town's website [www.arnprior.ca/covid](http://www.arnprior.ca/covid) .

Walter Stack,  
Mayor