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Message from the Mayor #9  
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To the residents and businesses of Arnprior:

Today marks an exciting day for our local economy as many businesses are able to open their storefronts as part of the first stage of Ontario's reopening framework. As of Wednesday, May 20<sup>th</sup>, the Town Hall will be open to assist residents at the first and second floor service counters, while the landfill will be opening on Friday May 22<sup>nd</sup> to reduced hours.

Policies have been put in place at both the Town Hall and the Arnprior Landfill to ensure both residents and staff are protected for the reopening of these facilities. Residents are requested to only visit the Town Hall for essential services. We encourage residents to use alternative means of payment such as online or telephone banking, mailing a cheque to the Town Hall or dropping off a payment in the secure mail slot at Town Hall if at all possible. Staff can continue to be reached by phone or e-mail. Trips to the landfill should be limited to those necessary and your patience in waiting to attend would be appreciated as volumes are expected to be high.

I know residents are eager to be able to shop and support their favourite local businesses who are thrilled to be getting back to business and serving their customers. As we all adjust to the new measures being put in place to protect our community, I ask that you please be patient and respectful of whatever signage and policy a business has in place. These measures are required to ensure you and staff feel comfortable and safe during this adjustment. Also remember that many local businesses are continuing to offer alternative ways to shop local with online ordering, delivery or curbside pick-up. I encourage you to contact your favourite local businesses or visit them online to see what options are available.

With more local businesses opening up, I would like to once again thank residents for social distancing and staying home, actions which have helped lower the curve in our community. Health officials continue to emphasize the importance of staying home when possible, especially for the vulnerable sector. When you must go out for essential needs please maintain a 2 meters distance from others and where this is not possible, wear a face mask.

For all other COVID related links and resources for both residents and businesses, please visit the **Town's** COVID 19 webpage or call or email 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