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Parks and Playground Updates

Arnprior, ON. The Government of Ontario announced that stage 3 openings could begin on Friday, July 17th, 2020 with restrictions on gatherings of up to 50 people indoors and 100 people outdoors with social distancing. All municipal facilities are subject to Renfrew County District Health Unit directives and we encourage the use of precautionary measures, such as mask wearing and social distancing, being recommended by health authorities.

We are pleased to announce that the Town will be opening playgrounds located in our parks as of 4:00 pm today, Friday, July 17. A reminder to users that park amenities are available for use at your own risk and are not regularly sanitized. An inherent risk of exposure to communicable diseases including COVID-19 exists in any public place where people are present. By visiting any parks and publicly accessible spaces you voluntarily assume all risk including any risk of injury, loss, damage and possible exposure to a communicable disease including COVID-19. Please follow all posted signage at Town parks.

Again this year, the Town has partnered with the Arnprior Regional Hospital to offer additional free parking on Sundays in July and August. Free parking is available in the parking lot behind the hospital. Please think about using this area in order to leave the spaces in the park for those who may have mobility issues or young children. Parking along the hill at Robert Simpson Park and in non-designated parking spaces is not permitted. A reminder that charcoal barbeques are prohibited in Town parks; only CSA approved propane barbeques are permitted.

With the warmer weather, residents and visitors are also making use of our beautiful beach. We would like to remind swimmers that there is a strong current and undertow in the Madawaska River and heavy boat traffic, making swimming dangerous in that area. We ask that swimmers remain within the buoyed swimming area at the beach and follow the direction of lifeguards when on duty.

Thank you for your efforts on keeping our parks and beach safe and enjoyable for all this summer. Please monitor the Town's website, app and social media for future notices on the re-opening of some municipal facilities and COVID measures.

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