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### Town of Arnprior Prepares to Re-Open the Nick Smith Centre

Arnprior, ON. As we settle into Stage 3 of the provincial recovery plan, the Nick Smith Centre will begin to open to the public starting on Monday, August 17, 2020 with the re-opening of the Community Pool. The Bert Hall Arena is scheduled to re-open on Monday, August 31, 2020. More details on the opening of the two arenas and programming in the Community Hall will be announced at a later date.

The safety of the public and our staff is paramount in our plans for providing the use of our facility at this time. The re-opening of the Nick Smith Centre will see the facility operate in four zones – Community Pool, Community Hall, Bert Hall Arena and Glenn Arthur Arena. Users will use different entry and exit points unique for each zone of the facility, never crossing from one zone into another.

The re-opening of the Community Pool will happen in four phases.

- Phase 1 – August 17  
The pool will operate Monday through Thursday with a selection of lane, recreational, senior and family swims.
- Phase 2 – August 24  
The pool will continue to operate Monday through Thursday with the addition of Aquafit, Aqua-jogging and Excel Waterfit classes.
- Phase 3 – August 31  
The pool will operate seven days a week increasing the availability of programming offered in the first two phases.
- Phase 4  
The pool will return to a more normal schedule that will see additional programming including swimming lessons and extending the hours of operations. We hope to enter this phase in October 2020 and will continue to consult with the Renfrew County Health Unit on their recommendations for moving into this phase.

All pool programming must be registered for in advance through the online portal ([www.arnprior.ca/recreation](http://www.arnprior.ca/recreation)) or by calling the office at 613-623-7301. Drop-ins will not be permitted. Swimmers may book a maximum of two time slots per day, if available. All bookings are first come, first served and will be opened every Thursday for the following week's swim times. **Phase 1 bookings open at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, August 13.**

• WHERE THE RIVERS MEET •

Please note that Arnprior Life will not be published this Fall as programming information and schedules will be continuously monitored and updated as the COVID-19 situation progresses. Program information will be made available on our website, social media accounts, the Municipal Matters section of the newspaper and through the online registration platform.

As per the Renfrew County Health Unit's recommendations, many changes have been put in place to ensure the safety of our staff and users. Residents visiting the pool will be asked to complete a self assessment, physical distance and wear a mask when not in the pool. Some facilities such as showers, lockers and pool equipment are not available for use, and change room use will be limited. Residents are asked to review all information on facility access and protocols before their swim by visiting [www.arnprior.ca/recreation](http://www.arnprior.ca/recreation).

**Please monitor the Town's website, app,** social media and newspaper for future notices on the re-opening of other parts of the Nick Smith Centre in the coming weeks.

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