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**Message from the Mayor #14**  
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It's hard to believe that summer has come and gone and we are heading into another fall season in Arnprior. Fall is typically a time where we get back into routine with the start of another school year and recreation programming ramping back up.

As kids head back to school, we are reminded to pay attention to our children walking to school on our streets or waiting for buses to pick them up on our sidewalks. Please watch out for our crossing guards. One area of particular concern is the area around Ottawa Street where there is both a primary school and a high school. We predict that this congested area will have even more traffic as some parents opt to not send their children on the bus this year. We ask that you please look at alternate areas a block or two from the schools for pick-up and drop-off.

Many residents are looking forward to joining our Fall recreation programming activities. The Nick Smith Centre has re-opened and is slowly introducing a variety of swimming sessions and programming with modifications. All ice rentals and 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. Staff are working with user groups to provide additional recreation opportunities in as safe a manner as possible. Please continue to respectfully follow all signage and direction provided by administrators and staff.

Remember that as our community continues to provide quality activities for our residents, and with cold and flu season just beginning, it is more important than ever to stay vigilant with protecting yourself and others by following COVID-19 regulations and guidelines.

Although not reported in Arnprior, mosquitoes carrying West Nile Virus have been found around the Town of Renfrew. The Renfrew County Health Unit is recommending you protect yourself by looking for insect repellent that contains DEET and wearing light-coloured clothing that covers your skin.

Please monitor the Town's website, social media and the Town app for further updates and important communications. For all other COVID-19 related links and resources for both residents and businesses, please visit the Town's COVID-19 webpage [www.arnprior.ca/covid](http://www.arnprior.ca/covid).

Walter Stack,  
Mayor