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Message from the Mayor #15
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Fall has arrived and with it the beauty of the change of seasons. I hope everyone takes time to enjoy the amazing colourful display as the leaves change and the fresh, crisp fall weather.

Fall brings the return to school and cold and flu season. This year brings added stress of increased COVID 19 cases in the County and the need to remain vigilant. As the Renfrew County District Health Unit directs, please continue to practice physical distancing of 2m/6ft, stay home when you are sick, and wash your hands. When you do need to go out in public, take a cloth mask/face covering with you so you can put it on when you are potentially in close contact with other people. As Dr. Cushman said in his update yesterday, we are relying on the public to contain the virus by taking these important measures and being very careful with your social groupings.

As we continue to monitor the impacts of COVID-19 on our community this month, we expect guidance from the Province on how to have a safe Halloween. Please watch for updates. Also, it is anticipated that the flu shot will be available later this month and we encourage all residents to get their vaccination this year.

Every year in October we celebrate small business week by showcasing and supporting the amazing small businesses in our community. This year it is more important than ever to shop small and shop local. I know a lot of people are beginning to think of shopping for the holidays and I encourage you to start by looking for present options right here in our community. Our small businesses are following local health directives to provide you with a safe shopping experience and many of the businesses have adopted new online shopping options or are still doing curbside pick-up for those who are not able to shop in store.

Also, during October, we recognize Fire Prevention Week, October 4th to 10th. The 2020 Fire Prevention Week theme, "Serve Up Fire Safety in the Kitchen" works to educate everyone about the simple but important actions they can take to keep themselves, and those around them, safe in the kitchen. Cooking is the #1 cause of home fires and home fire injuries in North America with unattended cooking being the leading contributing factor. I urge all the people of Arnprior to be aware of their surroundings, engage in safe kitchen/cooking practices, plan and practice your escape by looking for available ways out in the event of a fire or other emergency, and to support the many public safety activities and efforts of Arnprior fire and emergency services during Fire Prevention Week 2020.

Please continue to 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.

Walter Stack,
Mayor