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**Message from the Mayor #17**  
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The holiday season is upon us and although this year will most certainly be different, there is still so much we can do to make this holiday special and safe for everyone. I would like to remind everyone to remain diligent with following the Health Unit's recommendations; wearing masks, social distancing and washing your hands as we head into the holiday season.

Although our usual festive gatherings and parties are not taking place this year there is still plenty of holiday fun to be had. I would like to thank Theresa Carron and the Arnprior Legion, along with Town staff and volunteers who started off the holiday season with a very successful Drive by Visit with Santa on the weekend! Your hard work and dedication to continuing this tradition in a safe manor is truly something that deserves recognition.

Town staff have been hard at work putting together some holiday activities and contests to keep you busy all month long. Visit [www.arnprior.ca/recreation](http://www.arnprior.ca/recreation) to learn more about the Arnprior Advent Activity Calendar which provides daily activities up until Christmas day. Holiday Skates and swims at the Nick Smith Centre will begin on December 21<sup>st</sup>, you can register for them at [www.arnprior.ca/registration](http://www.arnprior.ca/registration).

Also make sure to enter your house, business or organization's decorations in the Town's Annual Christmas Lights Contest. A map will be posted to [www.arnprior.ca/lightitup](http://www.arnprior.ca/lightitup) on December 14<sup>th</sup> of all the participating locations so that you and your family can tour the lights!

This Thursday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> from 4:00 – 8:00 pm the Greater Arnprior Chamber of Commerce is hosting their Moonlight and Mistletoe Shopping event. This is the perfect opportunity to get your Christmas Shopping done locally as many of the businesses will be open late and offering specials.

I want to take this opportunity to wish each and every one of you a very Merry Christmas and a happy, prosperous and safe new year.

Take care, and be safe,

Walter Stack,  
Mayor