

Mayor Carolyn Amyotte Video Update 15 – January 8, 2021

Happy 2021 everyone! Mayor Carolyn here with a 'look ahead' update. While we are still experiencing challenges and struggles and witnessing some frightening events happening around the world, I want to take a moment and give North Kawarthans some things to look forward to in the coming year.

Today is the final day for you to participate in the online survey for the Township's first ever Service Delivery Review. I am super-pumped about this review. In my 18 years on Council I have witnessed some amazing growth and positive changes our community. Yet I believe conducting a review like this, especially right now, will help us discover efficiencies and better ways to serve all our residents. You can find a link to this survey on my Facebook page or the Township's Facebook page and also in the News section of the northkawartha.ca website. Tell us the good, the bad and the ugly about our municipality and you might even win a \$250 gift certificate to use at a local business.

There are several township projects planned for this year that I am really excited about as well. Some of these include:

- Renovations and improvements at the North Kawartha Health Centre, along with renovating and updating the former Bank space.
- Completing some construction projects like the repaving of Cheboutequion and Napier Crescent and starting the Mt. Julian Viamede and Reid's Road reconstruction
- We are undertaking a complete refresh of the Township website
- With the hiring of an Economic Development Officer, we will be able to focus on a range of economic development initiatives

... And so much more.

Lastly, I want to give you an update on the PC Express grocery service that took place before Christmas. The response to this program was incredible and the demand greatly exceeded the availability. I have heard from so many that you want it to continue and so do I. The quick action of Loblaws and the Peterborough Superstore to help our community was so impressive. Now to take that emergency response and turn it into a regular, long-term service requires much more commitment, time, effort and negotiation... but that is what we are aiming to do!

Municipal staff and I met with Loblaws this week to discuss how we can provide a grocery delivery service on a weekly basis going forward until Sayers is rebuilt. We are reviewing several different models that would not only see the PC Express program continue in North Kawartha, but also be able to handle the increased demand when the cottagers arrive in the summer. Both Loblaws and the Township are committed to working together to get something in place as quickly as possible for as long as it takes to rebuild Sayers.

Don't worry folks... We're on it! Please be patient, stay positive and stay tuned for more updates. Thank you.