

Mayor's Message

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Good afternoon North Kawartha. I would like to give you an update on the progress we've made in addressing the challenges created by the devastating fire this past weekend at Sayers. Last night I met with the Economic Development Cooperative and several community leaders for a productive discussion on our collective path forward.

While we continue to assess the needs of our community, I want to address the immediate need of providing access to groceries for our residents.

Hamilton Bus Lines has donated a bus to provide free transportation every Tuesday and Friday to Bancroft No Frills grocery store.

Pick up is at 10am at the North Kawartha Community Centre, and 10:15am at the Community Care office.

To access this service, you must book a seat on the bus by calling (705) 656-4589. Excluding tomorrow's first bus trip, please make arrangements by noon the day before.

You do not need to be a client of the agency to use this service – it is a resource for anyone in the town to use when they need

Our accessible Caremobile will be available Wednesdays beginning December 16th 2020, at 9:30am and 12:30pm. You do not need to have mobility issues to book a spot and it can take two passengers. The Caremobile destination is flexible.

Volunteers are ready for pick-up and delivery orders, and to assist with grocery planning, online orders and orders over the phone.

All Community Care transportation services related to grocery shopping will be fully funded by Community Care.

These services may change as we determine the demand and needs of community members

This, in addition to the many other services provided by Community Care are clear examples of how this community has come together to support each other. As I've said before it is an honour to serve as your Mayor.

Moving forward, I will be posting video updates every week to ensure everyone is aware of the resources available to access food and assistance until Sayers can be rebuilt.

I want to reiterate that these programs are here for you – so please use them if you need to.

To our cottagers who have expressed an outpouring of support asking how you can help our community, please consider donating to Community Care so it can continue to provide these services to the residents of North Kawartha. Please visit their website and support their Be A LifeLine campaign or call with any inquiries.

And please don't hesitate to reach out to me with any questions you may have. I will be providing regular updates as our situation evolves, so please check back here next week for more information.

Thank you!