

Mayor's Message

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Mayor's Update #7

Hi North Kawartha, Mayor Carolyn Amyotte here with another video update. With the August long weekend only a few days away, I wanted to give a quick update about a few things happening in North Kawartha.

Firstly, at our July 21st meeting, Council decided to waive all penalty and interest fees on tax payments until the end of the year. While taxes still must be paid, we recognize that some residents may still need a bit of relief and extra time to make those payments. Secondly, most everyone should know that Peterborough Public Health's directive requiring mandatory face coverings in commercial establishments and indoor public spaces will come into effect August 1, 2020. I know the debate on this issue is fierce and polarizing, however I want to remind everyone, that masked or unmasked, all people deserve to be treated with patience, understanding and respect. As I have said before, how you respond to challenges and opportunities is your responsibility. Trying to police others behavior will only lead to frustration and conflict. Speaking of responsibility and frustration, I have an important plea for all people that travel through our community along our roadways, especially Highway 28. I would ask that you please slow down, be aware and drive with attention and care.

I am heartsick over the numerous accidents and deaths that have occurred on this highway the last few years. Particularly along the stretch between the Kawartha Nordic Ski Club entrance, through Woodview and down to Big Cedar. Did you know that the top 5 causes for accidents along Highway 28 are #1 Animal strikes, #2 Inattentive driver, #3 loss of control, #4 improper turns and #5 speeds too fast for conditions. In over 70% of these incidents, the weather was clear and the roads were dry. While I am working with the Police, MPP Smith and the MTO to find ways to improve safety, it's clear that as drivers of that highway we must take responsibility for our roadway behavior. It's crucial to remember the following: there is increased traffic during the summer months especially this year. Major construction is underway and routine maintenance is always happening, the roadway is shared with multiple users like cyclists, wildlife is always on the move especially at dusk and dawn. And lastly, it is a windy, hilly road where the weather conditions can change greatly from the south to the north part of our township. So please take care, be aware and enjoy the drive. I believe Highway 28 north is one of the most beautiful, scenic drives in Peterborough County. It is my sincerest wish that

everyone will continue to arrive safely at their destinations, wherever they might be.
Thank you