

Mayor's Message

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Mayor's Update #9

Hi North Kawartha it's Mayor Carolyn Amyotte here with another video update. First, I want to give a shout out to all the Moose hunters right now that are doing their part to stay safe while at the camps. The annual hunts are such an important part of our culture and community and it's fantastic to see everyone who is acting respectfully and positively in the midst of all the changes wrought by COVID.

Second-I want to let everyone know that Halloween is NOT cancelled in North Kawartha. You wouldn't believe the number of times I have been asked that I question. I don't have the authority (nor do I want the authority) to cancel it. Who wants to be that Grinch? Let's be clear, participating in Halloween is a personal, family decision. Here in North Kawartha, we are fortunate to live in a region where we can participate in this annual festivity with some modifications to keep us all safe. I would recommend that all families check the Peterborough Public Health website for their Halloween guidelines. The rules are important not just for our children, but for the village of Apsley as well. For decades on Halloween night, Apsley has welcomed and treated all the children in North Kawartha. The few village streets are overrun with little goblins and ghouls, who collect pounds of candy every year. I speak from experience folks-it's POUNDS of candy! It is important that we keep not only our children safe but we must keep those that are doing the treating safe as well. You know, it's something like this that reminds me of how crucial it is to not lose sight of all

the things we still CAN do. Too often lately we are wrapped up in the negative and all the 'CAN'Ts' of this pandemic and we sometimes forget the many positive things that we have and can still do and be thankful for. On that note, another positive event that will be happening in November despite COVID is a food drive for our local Foodbank. This is part of a larger initiative with Kawartha Food Share called 'Winter is Coming' food drive. I will be joining our MPP Dave Smith in Apsley at our local Sayers Foods parking lot on Saturday November 28th from 10am to 2pm to collect donations for the North Kawartha Food Bank. I know how generous our town is and have no doubt that we will collect a ton of food to support the most vulnerable in our community. Lastly, I would like to take a moment and acknowledge the retirement of Apsley School Principal Karen Brohart. For the past 6 years Principal Brohart has had an amazing, positive impact on our children and our community. Not just academically-which has been huge, but also socially and emotionally. She has taught our children the importance of empathy, integrity, respect and courage and most significantly, that they are valued and loved working with Mrs. Brohart over the past six years as a parent, a school volunteer and as Mayor has been a pleasure and a privilege. I have never met anyone as authentically kind and compassionate as Karen Brohart. I believe that the greatest asset of any community, is its people and Principal Brohart is one of the best of the greatest of our assets.

Apsley Public School's motto is "Building Success for All". With her unwavering commitment to the well-being and betterment of our children, Principal Brohart has not only fulfilled this motto for our school in her time with us, but she has laid the foundation for our children to build success in their lives, no matter where they go or what they do. What a wonderful gift to give to our kids and to the future of our community. ccOn behalf of Apsley and North Kawartha, I want to express our gratitude and appreciation for Principal Brohart's service and dedication. The lessons she has taught to so many, will continue to guide us long after her retirement. Thank You!