

# Mayor's Message

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Hi North Kawartha, Mayor Carolyn here with a few quick updates for all residents. First, let's start with the on-going clean up and restoration efforts after the May 2-4 storm.

Hydro One crews continue to work tirelessly through the widespread and significant damage to make repairs, rebuild local electricity infrastructure and restore power to roughly 2,664 Hydro One customers in our area who are still without power. Due to the severity of damage, some customers in rural, remote and island locations will be without power for several more days, including the areas around Lasswade, Jack Lake and Stoney Lake.

When rebuilding after a storm, Hydro One prioritizes restoration to bring power back to the greatest number of customers in the shortest period of time. Crews need to repair and rebuild main power lines along with other key pieces of infrastructure before repairs can be made to power lines that serve smaller numbers of customers.

Today, I went on a tour with Township staff and representatives from several Provincial ministries to survey some of the hardest hit areas of North Kawartha. Despite having a week of clean up already, the destruction and devastation is wide spread and clearly demonstrates why we declared an emergency. Even after power is fully restored we still face months of clean up.

Please remember to treat all downed wires as live and stay clear. Continue to call 911 for emergencies and please contact Hydro One to report downed lines and to get status updates on power restoration for your specific location.

While we have been primarily focused on the Storm's aftermath we are still continuing with all of our regular municipal duties and services and I have a couple of other quick updates for you.

This weekend June 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> is our annual Spring Clean Up event at the Anstruther Transfer Station. We will be accepting mattresses, couches, and other upholstered furniture along with document shredding, and damaged blue box exchanges. County staff will also be there operating the Household Hazardous Waste Depot and to answer any recycling questions you may have.

So if you've got any busted up bins or some classified documents that you need to deal with, head to the Anstruther Transfer Station this weekend. Check out the full notice on the Garbage and Recycling section of the Township website. It has specific details on times as some items are only being collected on one specific day.

And my final update is about a new brand for North Kawartha. We want to hear from you! Go to the township's website [www.northkawartha.ca](http://www.northkawartha.ca) and click on the survey link located on the home page. Please take a few minutes and tell us what you think about the four proposed logo concepts and brand colours for our Township. A new brand for North Kawartha will more clearly identify who we are as a community and what we have to offer. For more insight on the logos being presented, please check out the part 2 video of our May 17, 2022 Council meeting on the North Kawartha YouTube channel. The presentation starts approximately 35 minutes in.

This is the first time our Township has embarked on a project like this and I am very excited to find out what our new brand will be. While I have my own preferences I honestly feel that all the choices are excellent and evoke a strong feeling and clear picture of what North Kawartha is all about.

That's it for now folks. Until next time, stay safe, take care and be well. Thank you.