

March 27, 2020

ATTN: Residents and Businesses of Florenceville-Bristol

Community Spirit is alive and well in the Town of Florenceville-Bristol! I am proud to see our residents and business community come together to help one another out during a difficult time.

It is wonderful to see that many of our businesses were flexible in allowing their staff to work from home when possible. Additionally, both of our pharmacies and grocery store have arranged to provide delivery or curbside pickup options for those who may be more susceptible to this virus.

A huge thank you goes out to the many staff at our retail stores who continue to serve customers, so we can purchase the necessities needed to get through this.

Another vital sector to thank is our truck drivers. The Transportation Industry is a key sector to our economy in Carleton County, and has proven to be our lifeline to the supplies needed in a time when many businesses must close. We are so appreciative that they are willing to take the extra steps to keep themselves healthy to keep the freight moving.

The biggest thank you of all goes to the frontline workers in the healthcare system. They are putting the needs of the public before theirs. The best way to thank them is to limit the spread as much as possible to sustain their workforce for when the virus is at its peak.

Many churches and organizations have been able to transition into an online presence to get their messages out and raise spirits through these virtual gatherings.

I am grateful to those that have returned from international travel and have self-quarantined for 14 days. Now that this has extended to travel outside the province, I am confident our residents will continue to have the respect for our community and adhere to this quarantine as well.

We understand that some staff had to be laid off and businesses had to close temporarily. We are sensitive to their financial needs, and are therefore extending the due date for sewer payments by three months. The Town continues to have expenses to pay, so any residents who can pay by the original March 31 deadline is appreciated.

The message from the province remains consistent – stay home as much as you possibly can. Whether you encounter people or touch objects while you are in stores and buildings, being in public is what is going to spread this virus. Therefore, I would ask that you remain at home as much as possible to reduce the spread. Whenever possible, only send one person to pick up the necessities for the household. Only touch or pick up items in a store if you are committed to purchase them. These types of strategies will reduce the spread in our community.

The provincial and federal governments have several programs in place to assist during this time. We are updating this information regularly on our website, so please reach out if you need assistance.

Living in a small community affords us the pleasure of knowing many of our neighbours. Please call your neighbours to see if they need any assistance, or just need someone to talk to. Hearing from you could brighten their spirits or give them reassurance they need by knowing someone is there to help should they need it.

We must continue to be vigilant with the frequent handwashing, with social distancing, adhering to the travel quarantine, and staying at home as much as possible. If we can adhere to these practices, I am confident we will weather this storm. We're all in this together.

Stay safe,



Karl Curtis
Mayor