

Mayors Message

On behalf of the Town and Council, I wish to again extend our gratitude to the Town's essential workers, local businesses and citizens who are continuing to make sacrifices and are complying with the directions, recommendations and orders of the Province and Southwestern Public Health. These actions are keeping our community safe during the pandemic and your work and co-operation is greatly appreciated.

There have also been residents of the Town and surrounding area who have been protesting the directions, recommendations and orders of the Province and Southwestern Public Health. Protests and constructive dialogue are an essential part of the democratic society we live in, but those rights are not absolute and must be used responsibly and in compliance with the law. The pandemic makes this more relevant now than it has ever been, when the health and welfare of our fellow citizens are being protected by these directions, recommendations and orders that are the subject matter of these protests. While individuals have the right to disagree, they have a duty and a legal responsibility to comply with the laws of the Province of Ontario when doing so.

As citizens, it is our collective duty to comply with the directions, recommendations and orders of the Province and Southwestern Public Health. It is the responsibility of our essential workers to ensure these responsibilities are complied with and the Town and Council supports and commends the Town's essential workers for these efforts.

The Town's Emergency Control group continues to meet on a regular basis to keep our staff and Council up to date with this evolving situation. Most recently, the Emergency Control Group has contacted the Provincial Emergency Operations Centre (PEOC) to ensure that resources are made available for any future protests or similar gatherings. Additionally, at 3:00 p.m. on Monday, November 2nd, 2020 the Town of Aylmer declared a State of Emergency as a result of the potential for civil unrest and service disruptions relating to protests and demonstrations regarding COVID-19 directions, recommendations and orders set out by the Province of Ontario and Southwestern Public Health.

The Municipal Office is open to the public with social distancing measures in place. If you are able to, community members are encouraged to communicate with Town Hall using alternative methods such as email or telephone.

The Town continues to work closely with Southwestern Public Health. If anyone has any health questions or concerns, please contact them by phone at (519) 631-9900 (Toll Free: 1-800-922-0096) or by email at info@swpublichealth.ca. Further health information and instructions can be found at their website at www.swpublichealth.ca.

Please reach out to your neighbours and friends by phone or send them an electronic message to see how they are doing and if they need anything.

Sincerely,



Mary French, Mayor