MESSAGE FROM MAYOR FRANK CAMPION

Thank you for doing your part in flattening the curve which has allowed us to move into Stage 2 of the Government of Ontario’s 3 Stage plan.

Each stage comes with a welcome list of services that can re-open. The following are businesses and services, as well as community, recreational and outdoor spaces permitted to open under the Stage 2 plan:

• Personal and personal care services with the proper health and safety measures in place, including tattoo parlours, barber shops, hair salons and beauty salons
• Outdoor dine-in services at restaurants and bars
• Shopping malls and centres
• Photography studios and services
• Film and TV production activities
• Tour and guide services
• Water recreational facilities
• Outdoor recreational facilities with low contact
• Beach, parks and camping
• Outdoor recreational team sports
• Drive-in and drive-through venues
• Weddings and funerals and similar gatherings
• Libraries
• Community centres
• Attractions and heritage institutions
• Small outdoor events

As most businesses and services begin to re-open, we need to support them while at the same time being mindful to keep safety a top priority. Although COVID-19 cases in Niagara are on the decline, the risk of COVID-19 transmission remains a reality. I remind everyone that we are still in a State of Emergency and we must continue to follow the Public Health guidelines of social distancing, frequent hand washing, staying home if displaying symptoms or having been in close contact with cases of COVID-19 and refrain from gatherings of more than 10 people.

Businesses are required to ensure that distancing and other safety guidelines are followed. I am confident our local businesses will provide their usual exceptional services in a manner that is safe for their employees and customers. I encourage you to support our businesses as they re-open.

For information on Welland Recovery – Moving Beyond COVID-19, visit www.welland.ca For information on the Province’s Stage 2 re-opening, visit https://www.ontario.ca/page/reopening-ontario-whats-each-stage#section-2

Let’s continue to work together and support one another. Stay safe. Stay healthy.

Congratulations Class of 2020!