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## **CITY OF PEMBROKE LAUNCHES NEW WEB AND TV SERIES HOCKEY TOWN HANGOUTS**

The City of Pembroke's Parks & Recreation Department has partnered with HGS Canada to present Hockey Town Hangouts, a new web and television series focused on keeping residents of Pembroke and the Ottawa Valley engaged, entertained, and informed during the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

This virtual interview and concert series will see special guests from a variety of different fields, including sports, music, film, television, and more join Parks & Recreation's recreation programmer Elijah McKeown for conversations about life and their careers before local musicians perform intimate sets from their homes.

"We wanted a way to offer cultural programming in the middle of these times, and this is a way to offer something similar to an existing program like Waterfront Live in a virtual sense. This is a chance for us to have some fun. Just because we are isolated at the moment doesn't mean we can't enjoy something together. HGS Canada's continued community support, especially at a time like this, goes above and beyond. We really appreciate their efforts to make this program a reality," explained McKeown.

The program will be broadcast each Friday night beginning at 7:00 p.m. on the City of Pembroke's Facebook and YouTube pages before airing on YourTV Channel 700 at 9:00 p.m. "This is a great opportunity for people to order in dinner from one of over 40 fantastic restaurants in Pembroke. We hope you enjoy this unique programming from the department," stated manager Ron Conroy.

The first episode will be available Friday, May 8 with an interview from former NHL player, author, podcast host, and 2016 NHL All-Star Game MVP John Scott and music from Sparklesaurus' Colleen Jones and Midnight Vesta's Rob Patterson.

For more information on Hockey Town Hangouts, please contact Elijah McKeown at [emckeown@pembroke.ca](mailto:emckeown@pembroke.ca) or 613-735-6821 ext. 1502.