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Mayor's Message

Dear residents of Pembroke,

This is a week where we have several reasons to feel exhilarated.

At the Summer Olympics in Tokyo, Pembroke's Madeleine Kelly is representing our city on the biggest stage in sports. For her family and friends, as well as local coaches and teammates who helped her early in her career here at Fellowes High School or Les Coureurs de Bois, I know how exciting this moment must be. The Ottawa Valley will be particularly well-represented in the 800-metre race as we see Madeleine and Eganville's Melissa Bishop-Nriagu both competing. I am excited to watch them both showcase the phenomenal athletic talent of our region as they race for all of Canada.

Yesterday, July 28, marked the first day since December 2 that there have been zero active COVID-19 cases in Renfrew County. This exciting news shows the effectiveness that vaccinations have had in reducing transmission.

As of July 26, 80.9% of Renfrew County's population aged 12+ had received at least one dose and 71.3% had received two doses. Renfrew County's mass vaccination clinics are anticipated to be closed by mid to late August, so if you are still looking to receive a first or second dose, take advantage of the clinics while they remain open. [Many local pharmacies](#) are also offering vaccines.

Please remember to continue following public health measures as we hope to move forward beyond this pandemic together. We anticipate moving out of Step 3 of Ontario's Roadmap to Reopen in August and await what those updated regulations will look like.

The Kinsmen Pool has reopened this week for public swimming, lane swims, and select programming. I look forward to a full slate of programming being able to be offered in the months to come. To book your spot for any of the swims or programs, call the pool at 613-735-6821 ext. 1506.

Our rinks are an integral part of our community and I am glad to see that the Pembroke and Area Community Centre (Pem Ice II) will be opening next week on regular schedule. We are less than two months away from the Pembroke Lumber Kings' home opener and are excited to welcome the team back after a lost season.

Over the past several months, we have seen significant enhancement of our traffic lights and our crosswalks throughout the city. I want to remind drivers to be mindful and cautious of pedestrians at these crosswalks while reminding pedestrians to press the

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button at the crosswalk, wait for the lights, and ensure oncoming vehicles are stopping before entering the roadway.

The past year and a half has been tremendously difficult on many of our local businesses and now as restrictions are gradually loosened, I encourage you all to continue to support these businesses whenever and however you are able. They are the foundation of our local economy and must continue to feel our support.

Our community's low number of COVID-19 cases and high vaccination rate is a testament to the tireless efforts of our essential workers, who continue to go above and beyond, as well as our residents whose diligence has helped our region achieve the status it is at today.

Stay safe,

Mayor Mike LeMay

For further COVID-19 resources, please visit:

[The City of Pembroke COVID-19 Updates and Info](#)

[The City of Pembroke COVID-19 Business Resources](#)

[Renfrew County and District Health Unit](#)

[Health Canada](#)

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