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**STATEMENT FROM MAYOR MRAKAS ON PROVINCIAL ANNOUNCEMENT OF A RETURN TO STEP 2 RESTRICTIONS**

“Today’s announcement of a return to step 2 restrictions, which will see our local businesses shut down and schools moved to remote learning once again, is truly frustrating and disappointing.

Unfortunately, we can’t change this decision but what we can do is support each other while we continue to follow the guidance of public health.

As we have demonstrated throughout this crisis, we as a community need to, once again, pull together to support our local businesses. So please, wherever possible, visit our local businesses and make a purchase. They all need us now.

We must also take care of ourselves. If you are able, get outside and stay active! Go for a walk with your families and enjoy the time together. For those who want to skate - we are working hard to get the outdoor rinks up ASAP (stay tuned for more news on rinks).

Staff will be reviewing the regulations and the impact they have to all our programs and services and will provide updated info as soon as possible.

Let’s all do what we can to ensure our children, our families, our businesses – our community – can withstand the impacts of these restrictions”

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