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Open Letter from the Mayor on behalf of Council to Business Owners within Madawaska Valley;

In these unprecedented times of dealing with COVID-19, the ongoing Provincial Orders, Federal announcements, Declaration of Emergency from the County of Renfrew, all residents of Madawaska Valley share with individuals across the world the impact of COVID-19.

Small municipalities such as Madawaska Valley are fortunate to have a close knit community reliant on neighbors helping neighbors.

I want to relay to you as a Business Owner within Madawaska Valley, Council's appreciation for the role you have played and continue to play in response to COVID-19 and how it impacts our community and our residents. As a local business each of you quickly recognized the importance of adherence to the provincial orders of promoting social distancing, closing non-essential businesses while supporting the messaging and businesses deemed essential in our municipality.

For those of you deemed as an essential business thank you to you and your staff; we understand the struggle and challenge dealing with the public while ensuring employee safety. For those of you deemed as non-essential businesses Thank You. We recognize the struggle and financial burden it places on your employees and your business. The business community is one of the most affected on both the short term and long term as it pertains to impact and recovery.

Your quick response and adherence to the messaging to maintain social distancing by encouraging staff, patrons and residents to adhere should be recognized as having positively contributed to the flattening of the curve.

Mayor Kim Love