

April 20, 2020

As Nova Scotians wake up this morning, we do so with heavy hearts. Reflecting on this past weekend's events we are struck with complete sorrow and sadness for all of those who are suffering with unimaginable loss.

Right now, we are not separated by counties and municipal boundaries, we are Nova Scotians. We stand together struck by grief, but united as one community supporting those in our province who need it the most.

To the family, friends and RCMP co-workers of Constable Heidi Stevenson, we send our most sincere condolences. Const. Stevenson once called Antigonish home, and in honour of her life, the flag in front of Town Hall will be lowered to half-mast.

We are also mourning the loss of many others whose lives were taken in this tragedy and keeping those who were injured in our thoughts and prayers. To their families, friends, neighbours and co-workers, we are with you.

We also want to give our thanks to the first responders who bravely answered the call of duty and the measures they took to protect Nova Scotians.

There are some days that are tougher than others and we know that today, tomorrow and the weeks that follow will impact us all. Whatever you are feeling, know that you are not alone. This is the time we must take care of each other and ask for support when it is needed.

The phone lines below have people ready to listen:

- Nova Scotia 24-Hour Mental Health Crisis Line: 1-888-429-8167
- Crisis Services Canada: 1-833-456-4566
- Kids Help Phone: 1-800-668-6868
- Morneau Shepell has also opened its 24/7 crisis support line that is bilingual: 1-844-751-2133

Sincerely,



Laurie Boucher
Mayor, Town of Antigonish