Hi everyone,

In spite of what has been a difficult year to say the least, I am happy to announce that both myself and Council have managed to secure a visit from the big man in red himself.

That's right, Santa Claus is in fact coming to town. Working with the Province and the Feds, Santa and his reindeers have been deemed an essential service. We recently had a special meeting of council to confirm.

While we were concerned at first, after a brief meeting with him on ZOOM, it appears Santa and his crew are incapable of catching the corona virus; this is possibly in part due to the top-notch immune system required to live in the North Pole year-round. Once we discovered this, it became very obvious to us that his services are essential to our community as he can provide some much-needed joy to families across Flin Flon, Creighton & Denare Beach.

While speaking to Santa, we then made the bold request of asking him to take some time off his busy schedule to visit us here once more before the big night; to our delight, he enthusiastically responded "of course, so long as the boys and girls continue to be on their best behavior!" By the time you're reading this, Santa should already be on his way if not already here! He'll be spending today with us and then tomorrow in Creighton. While Santa himself is immune, he does respect the vulnerability of others during this time and requests everyone to stay inside as he drives by.

On Christmas Eve, he will be implementing a 12-step sanitization program which will allow him into your home with zero risk of transmission. This sanitization process is so thorough, both the Canadian Armed Forces and NASA are exploring the possibility of implementing a similar system. So please continue to leave him milk and cookies, and don't be surprised when you still see some presents under the tree!

It's been a very strange year but I'm happy we can wrap things up on a relatively positive note. Our battle with COVID may not be over, but we are starting to see the light the end of the tunnel but until we reach the light, so to speak, please continue to follow public health guidelines and stay safe, strong and healthy Flin Flon.

Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays and Happy New Year

-Mayor Cal Huntley