Hi everyone,

While I would hate to jinx it, it seems warm sunny weather has finally begun to take the place of the torrential downpours of rain we were experiencing last week. There is a chance of rain this weekend but hopefully it won't be enough to stop us from enjoying the outdoors this week! I'm sure many of you are excited for The Usual Suspects socially distanced concert this weekend hosted by the Trout Festival! If you don't have a ticket you it may not be too late, visit <u>https://flinflontroutfestival.com/festival-music-series</u> to register.

Looking for other things to do? The Flin Flon Station museum will be open from 1PM – 4PM this Saturday and Sunday, the perfect local getaway for a potential rainy day! Please remember that social distancing, proper hand sanitizing and cough etiquette must still be adhered to, if you're not feeling well please stay home this weekend and minimize the risk of any further spread.

Another subject I would like to caution everyone on is the presence of bears in our community. While this is typically a matter addressed by our local Conservation Officers, they would like to remind all of us that the best form of bear prevention is to simply get rid of bear attractants in our yards. Bears are most attracted to our garbage so it's best to minimize the amount of time your garbage is at the curb. CO Officers have advised us to leave garbage in our garage or in the house until the morning of garbage collection. Be sure to sanitize bins regularly as well, bears are often deterred by strong cleaning chemical smells such as Lysol or bleach. Other attractants you may have in your yard include pet food, fruit trees, compost, and bird feed so be mindful of those as well. If you see a bear in town be sure to contact our nearest conservation office at 204-687-1645. Let's each do our part this season to minimize the risks of bears.

That's all I've got to say this week. I hope you all have a great weekend, just remember to stay COVID cautious. In the meantime stay safe, stay strong and stay healthy Flin Flon.