Hi everyone,

I'm sure you are all aware that the vaccines, in a limited nature, have made their way to the North and in an important but small fashion to Flin Flon with our front line health workers and our residents in the Personal Care Home and Manor receiving their shots.

Thompson has been identified as a VAX Port which means it has the ability to administer the Phizer vaccine to that area when available. We are presently exploring opportunities to see if there is a process which would allow our 70 plus seniors to access the Thompson site with minimal difficulty or risk and take advantage of this as well. Primarily, this would be of interest to those qualified individuals that would prefer not to wait for the Moderna or other less sensitive vaccines which will be administered locally at a later date. There are still challenges but they are in the process of being addressed.

The times have changed since our last discussion. Not only has the weather got a little more palatable but the loosening of restrictions has allowed the opportunity to take advantage of our local businesses and restaurants. Please do so but do so cautiously and continue to follow the guidelines. I'm personally looking forward to different color than red.

With that in mind and as the weather continues to warm up over the next week, it will be the perfect opportunity to get outside and enjoy the outdoors. Yes, I am still discouraging large gatherings, however meeting up with family or a couple of friends outside is much safer than spending prolonged time in an enclosed room. Honor the travel restrictions, wear your mask, wash your hands and keep your distance from others when out and about. You never know who may be asymptomatic or even worse, immune compromised. As we all know, it doesn't take much to go back to square one which we are all very tired of.

On a positive note, we have reopened the Whitney Forum and the Community Hall for walking and City Hall will reopen to the public for limited hours earlier next week. We are starting with afternoons from 1 to 4. Remember, as restrictions continue to loosen, it is imperative to remain careful and cautious.

Until next week stay safe, stay strong & stay healthy Flin Flon.

Mayor Cal Huntley