Hi everyone,

As COVID-19 cases continue to dwindle, many of us have slowly began to transition that "new normal" that was mentioned very early on during the pandemic. While we here at the City have been begun to resume many of our regular operations, please know that public safety will always be our top priority. We still have proper restrictions in place including limiting access to City Hall, installing protective glass at our front counter, and ensuring hand sanitizing stations are available at the front counter. As of this time, we have still yet to open the Whitney Forum and Community Hall to the public, but myself and Council are looking forward to re-opening their doors to you once we have the support of Public Health officials.

Events in Flin Flon are beginning to sprout up again with new social distancing guidelines in place. I'm very proud of our community for coming together and finding unique ways to host the unique in person cultural events our community is known for, without having to substitute for online alternatives like so many municipalities across the country and even in Manitoba. Don't get me wrong, online events can be great when there's no alternative, but I'm really proud of our communities ingenuity in finding more creative ways around this. If you're looking for something to do this weekend the WHYTE will be performing at the Flin Flon Campground in three different sets to accommodate social distancing and Public Health Orders, be sure to check out our events calendar for more information.

Finally I wanted to briefly discuss our most recent efforts in beautification. As per Strategy Seven (beautification) in our four year Community Plan, one of our goals was to improve the physical image of our community. This week I'm proud to announce that we've accomplished a major step in that process by restoring Flinty. Despite a minor hiccup I'm sure many of you are aware of, Flinty has finally returned to his former glory and will be anxiously greeting newcomers and tourists with a fresh coat of paint.

That's all for this week, be sure to keep enjoying your summer while still remaining COVID cautious. Until next time stay safe, stay strong, and stay healthy Flin Flon.