Hello everyone,

As you should be aware, today another temporary vaccination clinic has opened its doors at the RHA Community Hall. Since our last vaccination clinic date, eligibility criteria have expanded to individuals 50 years of age and older, as well as 30 for those who identify as first nations. If you fit this criteria and have not yet booked you vaccination date, I strongly encourage you to do so as soon as possible while we still have confirmed dates over the next 3 days.

A personal peeve I would like to share and it has to do with making choices based upon valid information. I know in our new polarizing world of misinformation there is some skepticism in regards to the effectiveness of the vaccines. If you review credible sources, you will find that there really is nothing to fear. All vaccines must go through vigorous testing before they can be made available to the public. Any notion that these vaccines are associated with some sort of mass government conspiracy should be viewed with extreme skepticism. The individuals who spread these fake news articles are the same people who have violated public health orders and prolonged restrictions by causing case numbers to spike. If this were a conspiracy, why would the entire world be faced with the same challenges that we are? Countries that have stayed diligent in following measures early on such as Australia are now enjoying many of the activities we long for.

While I can't convince the entire country to cooperate with public health orders, I certainly hope that I can convince our community to hang in there and stay diligent for just a little while longer. As of right now, we are faced with the 3<sup>rd</sup> wave and the appearance of the variants in the North.

Please, stay home and book your vaccination date as soon as you are eligible. The faster we can contain these outbreaks and get everyone vaccinated, the faster we can move back to a normal life once again!

Until that day comes, be patient and stay safe Flin Flon.

Mayor Cal Huntley