

Hi everyone,

I hope you all had an excellent Canada Day! A huge shout out goes to Northland Ford for organizing the Parade, the Fireworks Committee for another spectacular show and the Trout Festival Committee for the Fishing Derby as well as all the businesses and individuals who supported and participated in all these events.

As everyone is aware, on Sunday, all COVID restrictions in Saskatchewan will be lifted. Given we are a border town this can lead to some confusion and I just wanted to clarify things as best I can. The conditions that apply in Manitoba will continue to apply in Manitoba regardless of the situation in Saskatchewan. This may not seem fair or make sense to some and that is a debate I will not get into at this time. The point is for everyone to know how to deal with the present situation. You are to follow the rules of the province you are in.

I'm very pleased to see that cases numbers in Flin Flon are dropping at a rapid rate and am hopeful that Manitoba's 4-3-2-1 plan to reopen will continue to accelerate from the original timelines. The sooner we are the same as Saskatchewan the easier it will be for us as a region. These past two weeks have certainly proven that the end of this pandemic is near and we can in fact continue to transition into our new normal.

I want to thank everyone who has been vaccinated. It is because of you that we are at where we are. Please, if you haven't at least gotten your first vaccine dose consider doing so immediately. I can't stress the importance of this enough. If there were any suspicions about vaccines being unsafe in the beginning, time has certainly proved them wrong. There are millions of people across Canada and the world who have had both shots and experienced zero long term consequences.

I reiterate, if you don't want the shot for yourself than think about doing it for your loved ones who may be more vulnerable than you, or perhaps for your kids or grandkids who just want to return to their friends and a normal school year.

I'm so proud that so many of our community members have stepped up to stop the spread. This has been a great start to July for us and I am optimistic that more good news is soon to come!

Finally, don't take this heat for granted. We are not used to it and it can quickly sneak up on you. Keep hydrated, wear a hat when you are out and stay as cool as you can wherever you may be.

Stay safe Flin Flon.

Mayor Cal Huntley