

Hi everyone,

One of the most important facets of this pandemic is the ability to access the vaccine. Recently the City has been in conversation with the Manitoba Government around the potential opportunity to access the Pfizer vaccine through the Thompson Vacport for qualified senior residents. The government has generously offered to charter flights to accommodate this opportunity if there is enough interest in the community. Before this option gets presented, there are many questions yet to be answered that will provide the clarity to allow our people to make an educated decision on how they would like to proceed. In saying that, we are actively working with the Manitoba Government and the NRHA to get those answers. Until then please be patient.

I honestly believe that the majority of all our residents would prefer the vaccines to be offered locally and that will eventually take place. It's very encouraging that the Astra Zeneca vaccine has been approved. It can be normally refrigerated for storage and transport so once available will be easier to provide for all Manitobans.

As we creep into March next week, I know many of you will be feeling that spring has arrived although you wouldn't know it today. Now, under normal circumstances this would trigger a desire to travel. As you may have already heard some additional lessening of restrictions are being considered. The travel restrictions are not one of them. So let's not let our guard down. Unless it's for medical reasons, please stay home.

With all this in mind, I don't want anyone to miss out on fun this spring. We all know we live in one of the most beautiful destinations in the province there are countless of things to do outdoors and plenty of local businesses to support in the region. Let's make this spring a staycation to remember.

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

Mayor Cal Huntley