

Hi everyone,

I wanted to start off this week by congratulating our newest City Councilors Bill Hanson and Leslie Beck for winning the two open seats in our most recent By-Election. I know both Bill and Leslie will each bring their own unique ideas and perspectives and I couldn't be more excited to have them on the table. I also would like to thank all those who helped us run a smooth By-Election this year, including everyone who got out and casted their vote. With two open seats and a global pandemic to face this was certainly far from an ordinary election and I'm pleased to see that despite these factors we were able to persevere and deliver an election with no interruptions.

With elections now over, I still strongly advise against anyone gathering together in any capacity for any non-essential purpose. Recently, I and the leaders of Creighton and Denare Beach have come together to prepare a joint statement regarding the importance of following public health orders and to get vaccinated as soon as possible. We hope that this collaborative statement will help eliminate some confusion by focusing us all on the basics. Regardless of the details of the provincial orders the basics are the same for us all.

Stay at home if you can. No non-essential travel. Wear a mask. Adhere to proper cough etiquette. Wash your hands on regular basis and maintain social distancing.

You've heard the statement "we are all in this together" before and while it may sound cliché to some, with regards to our own communities (FlinFlon, Creighton, and Denare Beach) that statement couldn't be any closer to the truth. If we are going to get past this virus, it's going to take collaborative action on all fronts.

As more and more vaccines continue to roll-out please don't delay booking your appointment. If not for yourself then please do it for your loved ones and your community. I firmly believe, a return to normal can be fulfilled with mass immunity and there are clear examples of this happening in other parts of the world.

As always stay safe, be kind and be patient Flin Flon.

Mayor Cal Huntley