

Hi everyone,

My message this week is going to be short and sweet.

We've had fires all around us and have been experiencing an unheard of level of smoke in the community. It appears there may be some relief in our future but let's all be very careful when it comes to fires of any kind as well as travel off the beaten track. Follow the local as well as provincial regulations that are in place. I have never seen the bush so dry. To those who are fighting the fires, you have my utmost gratitude! We can't thank you enough for keeping our community safe!

On a positive note, some important changes are about to happen. As of midnight tonight, we take a significant step back to normalcy. These big changes are ones we shouldn't take for granted. The reason we are able to enjoy these new freedoms are because of all the people who have gotten vaccinated. Although the provincial numbers continue to climb with regards to vaccinations, we have seen our local numbers start to flat line. Please, if you haven't yet been vaccinated, do your due diligence. Look at what's happening from a global perspective. Most of the people who are getting sick with the variant are unvaccinated. Let's continue to keep our families, friends and community safe. Help prevent or minimize the 4<sup>th</sup> wave and get your shots.

I hope you all have a great weekend!

Until next week, stay safe

Mayor Cal Huntley