

Hi everyone,

Hopefully you have all been enjoying your summer so far despite all the unforeseen circumstances and dealing with some unpredictable weather. I believe we've had enough gorgeous sun to at least start a farmer's tan & do some fishing!

On that note, it is usually around this time of year that our annual Trout Festival is in full swing. There is good news and bad news, the bad news is that many festivities will need to be postponed until 2021 so we can ensure public safety and meet provincial guidelines. On the brighter side, a limited Trout Festival 2020 is still a go this year, albeit with some slight adjustments.

First of all, some of our more popular events will be running this year including the fishing derby (which is happening as we speak), the parade which will be on July 1st of this year, as well as an abbreviated music festival happening in shifts at the Flin Flon campground on June 27th. To help meet public health guidelines and limit the amount of people at one event, the musical performances will be split up into 3 separate concerts with no more than the currently allowed audience members at each event. They could be humorously characterized as Day, Afternoons and Graveyard which are very familiar terms and part of our history.

Unfortunately, with COVID-19 still being a concern, we simply cannot safely run with many of our normal festivities this year including Main Street Days, the Fish Fry, the Pancake Breakfast, and Canoe Races to mention a few. These decisions were not made lightly by the Trout Festival Committee and certainly came with a heavy heart. We must remember that COVID-19 is still among us and we could easily see another resurgence of cases if we are not careful so I applaud the Committee's decisions while sympathizing with the difficulty in making them.

All and all, I'm still very pleased that Trout Festival is still a go this year and I'm sure you are as well. Hopefully this time next year COVID-19 will be a distant memory and we can return to our normal festivities in a bigger and better than ever comeback for 2021. For now, let's take advantage of the privileges we have while remaining cautious but optimistic for the future.

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