

Hi everyone,

As we near the end of our summer, I know many of us long for those outdoor festivities before the snow hits, like our own Blueberry Jam Music Gathering. Last year, we were unable to host the event due to the pandemic which we still have yet to see the end of. With that in mind, this year most of us are vaccinated and know the new rules of the game. This is why I'm thrilled to see that this year the BBJ committee has decided to proceed with a scaled back but awesome one evening, event tomorrow. The present restrictions have caused some changes but it's happening. Very exciting.

Unlike in years past, BBJ will be held for one night only as opposed to an entire week. Capacity will also be limited to 800 people in order to adhere to public health guidelines. I know this news will be disappointing for some, especially to those who intended on performing later on in the week, but I know we are all grateful that we can proceed with this event at all! Hopefully we will be back to the old format next year but let's ensure the success of this years .

Kudos to the Committee, the performers and all who are going to attend!

If you do plan on Jamming with us this year, it goes without saying that social distancing and handwashing are a must. Even if you've been vaccinated, it doesn't mean you'll be exempt from any guidelines in place. Let's use this event as just one more opportunity to show Manitoba and Saskatchewan that we can in fact continue with our annual traditions in a safe and responsible manner.

I hope to see you all there!

As usual, if you haven't been vaccinated yet please consider doing so. It would be appreciated by so many.

Mayor Cal Huntley.