

Hi everyone,

I know things have been somewhat hectic lately with the surrounding forest fires taking place this year however, this week I wanted to turn your attention to some more positive and exciting news for our community and region. As you all know, a little over a year ago we were devastated by the loss of the Flin Flon Aqua Centre. We literally did everything in our power to keep the doors open but it finally was too much. The Aqua Center was not only a place for our children to learn to swim and play, but also hosted many recreational activities for residents of all ages. It was a huge blow to the community. Now, after over a year of very hard work and lobbying, I'm happy to announce that we have managed to secure over 8 million dollars in federal and provincial funds to replace this iconic rec facility.

We still need to confirm the site and the design as well as put the tender package together but the excitement is in the air. You can feel the anticipation. It won't be a quick or easy process but council and staff are committed. This new facility will be state of the art and truly compliment the goals laid out in our community plan. The loss we've been feeling has been mitigated by the knowledge that a new facility for the entire region to use is on its way.

Finally, I step back to a familiar topic. One we are all tired of but can't yet ignore, Covid. We are starting to see the light at the end of the tunnel especially given our proximity to the Saskatchewan border. Unfortunately our neighbours to the south appear to be regressing due to the variants. I will stress once again, if you have not yet been vaccinated, please do so as soon as possible. This is potentially a life saving suggestion not just for the person being vaccinated but for many whom this may provide valuable space for in our health system. Please consider it seriously. There are many major and exciting changes making their way to us, you won't want to miss out just for not being vaccinated.

Stay safe and have a great weekend everyone.

Mayor Cal Huntley