

Hi everyone,

It seems these past few years have really put all of us to the test; we closed our Aqua Centre, tragically lost our deputy mayor, went through two by-elections and experienced a global pandemic, yet we still continue to stay the course. This could not have been done without everyone's collective support.

Our strong sense of community and openness is what drew people to us before the pandemic, kept us together during the pandemic, and will keep bringing people back to us after the pandemic. The light at the end of the tunnel continues to get brighter but we have noticed our numbers locally with regards to vaccinations start to slow down. I appeal to anyone who has yet to be vaccinated to seriously consider the credible sources of information out there and get it done.

From pandemic to forest fires, our trials continue. As we approach this long, hot and humid weekend I want to remind everyone to stay safe and be aware of the nearby fire situations. The city fire ban is still in place and will remain so for the near future. We simply can't afford to take any risks right now. I personally believe that if we have the patience to socially distance ourselves for over a year, than certainly we can limit our outdoor fire habits for a few weeks.

We are living in what will eventually be a chapter in our grandkids history books. It's hard to think about that when you're living in the moment, but I'm pleased that when we do we do look back on the present, we can appreciate how far we've come. Although we are not through it yet, I think it's time we take a step back and congratulate ourselves for persevering through what we have. Please continue to be patient and be kind.

Stay safe and have a great weekend!

Mayor Cal Huntley