

June 4, 2020

Good day to all,

Norman Wells you continue to make us all proud of how we are collectively handling the COVID-19 shut in situation we still find ourselves in. With the improved weather we are easing our way more and more out of our homes, walking cycling, quadding and boating. While we are enjoying more freedom, please remember the virus is still alive and well, so continue with the hand washing, six-foot social distancing and wiping down surfaces you touch.

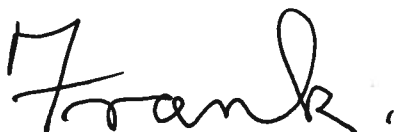
Town facilities are soon to open to the public with certain restrictions in place to keep everyone safe. The playgrounds are open, the fitness centre and tennis/basketball court follows next week. Jackfish Lake will open for day use only once some much needed maintenance work is done, the same for the new picnic site at Bandy Lake. The Town will have a staff roaming between these facilities ensuring they are being used safely and to ensure the rules, as dictated by the Chief Public Health Officer, are followed. A poster will be out this week explaining use of these facilities.

Thank you to everyone who participated in a most successful town clean up. Town staff did a great job organizing the day, which included prize draws and a BBQ. One big downer was the trash in the ditches the following day, thrown from vehicles Friday night I hope the folks who toss their trash will think twice about it in the future. Community members put a lot of effort into keeping our town clean.

Town Council encourages residents to pick up a copy of our proposed dump by-law from the office and comment on what is being proposed. Your opinion does count. We have some serious decisions to make on dump operations and really do need your input. This helps us do a good job on your behalf. We are also developing a new Community Plan and Zoning by-law. Here again we need your input. Norman Wells this is your community. Please get involved and respond to our online survey. For this we thank you.

While the clean up was successful, we still have a couple of areas that need work. I am pleased to say that local staff from Imperial Oil, members of Town Council and Town staff will be out Friday afternoon cleaning up the Dump Road and CANOL Drive. You are welcome to join in on this much-needed job.

I wish you all an enjoyable safe weekend, and parents please spend some time teaching your children safe operation of a bicycle.



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