**2019 Christmas Message…**

**No matter what job you do or what stage of life you are at, the holiday season is a great time of the year to look ahead with anticipation and perspective.**

**One of the many blessings I have enjoyed in my life has been the privilege of having two grandmothers who both celebrated 100 years of quality life with sharper minds than I will ever have. My best history lessons came with a cup of tea and time spent with each of them. Their best advice usually focused around keeping things in perspective and understanding what is really important.**

**So, when I watch the evening news, I often find myself seeing today’s events thru their eyes and suddenly the obstacles in our path don’t look as big. They lived in an era that saw incredible challenges and unbelievable progress.**

**Their generation endured wars, the dirty 30’s, depression, daunting health risks, but the advancements were also unimaginable for the day. Electricity, mechanization, advances in medicine, communications, transportation, all factors that started moving us towards the quality of life we enjoy today.**

**At this special time of year, I hope you allow yourself to focus on the things that enhance your quality of life, like family, friends and community and let you keep perspective.**

**We live in the best country in the world, in a great province and in communities filled with people committed to improving the quality of life of those around them.**

**I hope the holiday season lets you count your blessings and on behalf of the Council and Staff of North Stormont, we wish you all the best in 2020.**

**Merry Christmas**

**Jim Wert, Mayor**

**North Stormont**