



Mayor Wert's Holiday Message:

As we head into the last month of the 2020, many of us will be searching for words to describe this past year. Challenging, constraining, intimidating, the list will vary depending on our own situation, but we have all been impacted by COVID 19 in some way.

The vast majority of us have never seen a pandemic and it is unsettling, but it is reassuring to know we are not in this alone. As a matter of fact, the entire world is working on this and we will get through it together. We have many reasons for optimism, our health specialists have instituted safety protocols that are working when applied, the pharmaceutical industry has several vaccines which have proven effective and they are in mass production now. Our knowledge on how to treat this virus is expanding daily and the sharing of that knowledge is a very powerful tool.

December is a good month to end a tough year on because it is the month of hope. The festive season is built on hope and the challenges that history has provided give us lots of reason for hope because we have bested all those challenges just as we will overcome COVID 19.

On a personal note, Christmas is a very special time of year for me. My fondest memories are dominated by friends and family. I remember the excitement of visiting grandparents and family who lived just a few miles away. It is funny how the more things change the more they remain the same. Last Sunday our sons were on a zoom call with their cousins catching that same Christmas spirit. The only different is these young adults now stretch from Perth, Scotland to the BC Rockies.

I am confident that 2021 will be a year that allows us to get back to our normal lifestyle, where the many organizations and individuals who contribute to our quality of life can resume their normal activities. If we try to find something positive to take away from the experience of the past 9 months, perhaps it would be to cherish more the many aspects of our lifestyle that we sometimes take for granted.

So on behalf of your Municipal Council and the staff of North Stormont, I would like to encourage you to make the most of this holiday season that you can, and we will enter 2021 together and full of hope.

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year

Respectfully,

Jim Wert

Mayor