"I reinforce "cautious" because we have witnessed a resurgence of the virus in the past and, with the new variants now circulating across the province, there is need to remain extra vigilant. As such, continuing the stay home if unwell, to wear a mask when necessary, to physically distance and to washing hands regularly remain fundamentally important. That said, we are, and will continue to see the positive impacts of vaccinating our most vulnerable moving forward and it is not unrealistic to say that the worst is behind us and that we “have it in our hands” to keep turning the ship in the direction necessary to see our lives return to some semblance of normalcy…although very much a new normal in light of the lessons we have and continue to learn,” he says.