Welcome

Good morning everyone, and welcome to this week’s community update.

Our community and province have marked some important milestones and dates this past week. I want to start by recognizing today’s National Day of Observance called by the federal government, remembering the people who have lost their lives due to COVID-19.

On behalf of Regional Council, I would like to extend my condolences and sympathies to everyone who lost a loved one to this virus. Today, we honour their memory.

This week also marked International Women’s Day. Throughout the pandemic, this community update has showcased some of the women leaders who have led this community through the pandemic, whether in healthcare, business, or media. Thank you to all the women in our community who are not only guiding our response and recovery, but working to break the bias and address the “she-cession.”

This week we also learned of the further relaxation of provincial public health measures in the coming weeks. On March 21st, the Government of Ontario is ending the requirement to wear masks in most indoor public settings. I would ask that everyone continue to be patient and kind with one another, as people and organizations make the best decisions for themselves around issues like masking.
We have gotten this far by being caring with each other, and I know Waterloo Region residents will continue to do so.

In that spirit, I look forward to welcoming today’s guest, Paul McIntyre Royston, CEO of the Grand River Hospital Foundation. GRHF exemplifies the volunteerism and community building that makes our region so special.

Before we turn things over to Paul, we will hear our regular updates.

There are no enforcement actions to report since the last update.

I will now pass it to our Associate Medical Officer of Health Dr. Rabia Bana. Good morning Dr. Bana.

**Update from Dr. Bana.**

Thank you, Dr. Bana.

David Aoki, Director of Infectious Diseases and Chief Nursing Officer, will now provide an update on the vaccine roll-out.

**Update from David Aoki.**

Thank you, David.

We will now turn things over to our guest, Paul McIntyre Royston from the Grand River Hospital Foundation.

Welcome Paul.

**Update from Paul McIntyre Royston.**

Thank you Paul.
We will now open it up to questions from media.

Media Q&A

Extro

Thank you everyone for joining us today. Have a safe weekend.