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Last week I received some very sobering news that I need to share with the Rutherford community.

For several months, I have suffered from bouts of lightheadedness which I had attributed to stress. Although these episodes became increasingly frequent, I wrongly put off going to a doctor due to COVID and my busy schedule.

Two weeks ago, while at home, I had an episode so debilitating I knew I could no longer ignore them. I scheduled an appointment with my family doctor the following day, who immediately asked me to get an MRI.

The MRI results revealed I have a brain tumor that requires surgery.

Because of this diagnosis and the procedure it requires, I am temporarily stepping aside as Mayor until mid to late June to attend to my medical issues and ensure I have the necessary recovery time.

Council President Mark Goldsack will assume my responsibilities as acting Mayor. In Mark's time as Council President he has done a tremendous job organizing agendas and communicating with the public. I have complete faith he will execute his duties as acting Mayor with the same outstanding professionalism and dedication that he has as Council President.

I'd like to thank Mark for assuming this role until I return and ask that you join me in wishing him well during this time.

Rather than dwell on the negative, I prefer to use this as an opportunity to remind people that regular medical emergencies still exist during a pandemic and that it's important to maintain your health despite any fear of a trip to a doctor's office.

If you feel something is wrong, please get it checked out. If you feel off, don't use COVID as a reason to ignore it.

After a crazy first year as Mayor during COVID, I certainly didn't expect to have to deal with a personal crisis during my second year. But life, and especially this past year, have taught us to always expect the unexpected.

With the help of my wonderful wife Perri, family, friends and team of colleagues, I will get through this and return to leading our community, for which I am so grateful, when the time is right.

Rutherford has given me so much, and I'm not done giving back to it. I look forward to seeing you all in person again as soon as possible.

*Mayor Frank Nunziato*