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Dear Mayor and Council,

Please see the attached memo from Gil Kelley regarding Economic Impact of COVID-19
– Monthly Labour Force Data: December 2020.

Highlights: Monthly Labour Force Survey Data, December 2020

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- ☐ Nationally, the unemployment rate increased by 0.1 percentage points, to 8.6%
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Should you have any questions, please contact Gil Kelley, GM Planning, Urban Design, and Sustainability at Gil.Kelley@vancouver.ca.

Best,
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MEMORANDUM

January 21, 2021

TO: Mayor and Council

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Purpose of this memo

This memo highlights the monthly Labour Force Survey (LFS) data published by Statistics Canada released on January 8th, 2021 for the reference period of December 13th to December 19th. The LFS provides estimates for the unemployment rate and employment totals by industry and occupation on a monthly basis. The information presented in this memo provides a snapshot of the impact COVID-19 has had on Vancouver's labour force and economy in the period of time since the Pandemic began. Staff in Planning, Urban Design and Sustainability will provide an updated monthly memo as new data is released. This information is meant to be viewed in conjunction with other socio-economic and community statistics to form a cohesive picture of the City's current state and assist with recovery and resilience planning. This information will be posted to the City website and shared with the business community.

Important notes about the data

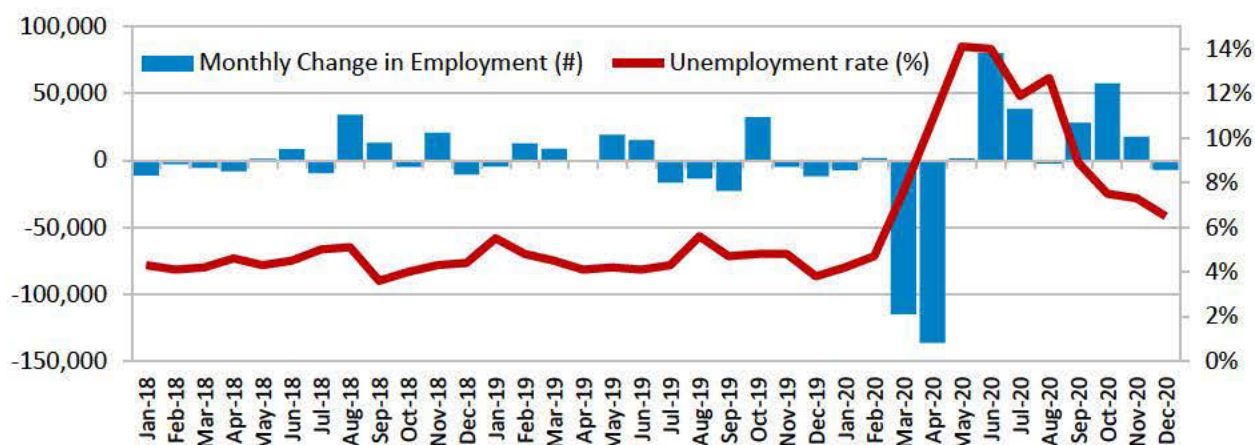
The statistics presented in this memo are for the Metro Vancouver region as the Census Metropolitan Area (CMA) is the smallest geography level available for LFS data tables published by Statistics Canada. Throughout this memo, the term “Vancouver” refers to the Vancouver CMA. The LFS data used to create the statistics presented in this report are not seasonally adjusted¹.

Changes in employment totals and unemployment rate

Employment in Vancouver decreased from 1,431,300 in November to 1,424,300 in December for a loss of 7,000 (-0.5%) jobs. Since November, the unemployment rate decreased by 0.8 percentage points to 6.5% in Metro Vancouver. In December, the region had -37,100 (-2.5%) less employed workers than in February 2020. Despite this slight decrease in employment, it is a significant improvement in job losses, which peaked in April where a total loss of 251,200 (-17.2%) employed workers was recorded since February. Nationally, the unemployment rate increased by 0.1 percentage points between November and December and is now 8.6%.

The overall increase in employed workers from May to December reflects the gradual easing of public health restrictions and other measures, including allowing non-essential businesses to re-open. A number of major orders related to the COVID-19 pandemic issued by various levels of government were active during this reference week (December 13th to December 19th). Please see Figure 7 for a full list of announcements and orders made since the previous reference period. Appendix A shows all prior announcements and orders starting on March 12, 2020. The next labour force survey release will be on February 5, 2021 (for the reference week of January 10, 2020 to January 16, 2021).

Figure 1 – Unemployment rate and monthly employment change in Metro Vancouver



Source: Statistics Canada. Table 14-10-0295-01 Labour force characteristics by census metropolitan areas, unadjusted for seasonality.

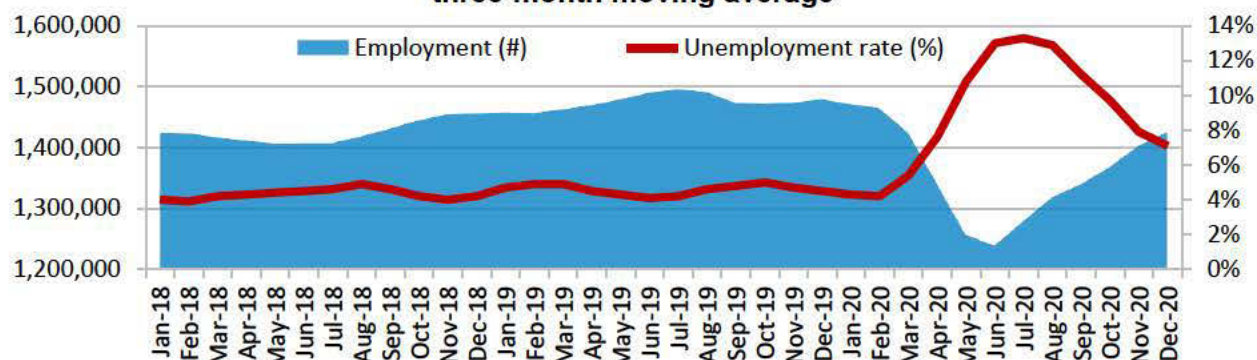
Changes in employment totals and unemployment rate – three-month moving average

The following sections highlight statistics related to employment change by industry and occupation that are published as a three-month moving average for the Vancouver CMA; therefore, data published for December is an average of October, November and December. Using this three-month moving average data, employment in December was 1,423,000 and the

¹ Seasonal adjustments to labour force data are done to eliminate the effect of seasonal and calendar influences (e.g. seasonal shopping or agricultural work).

unemployment rate was 7.1%. The following chart shows the monthly change of employment and the unemployment rate using three-month moving average employment data.

Figure 2 – Unemployment rate and total employment change in Metro Vancouver, three-month moving average

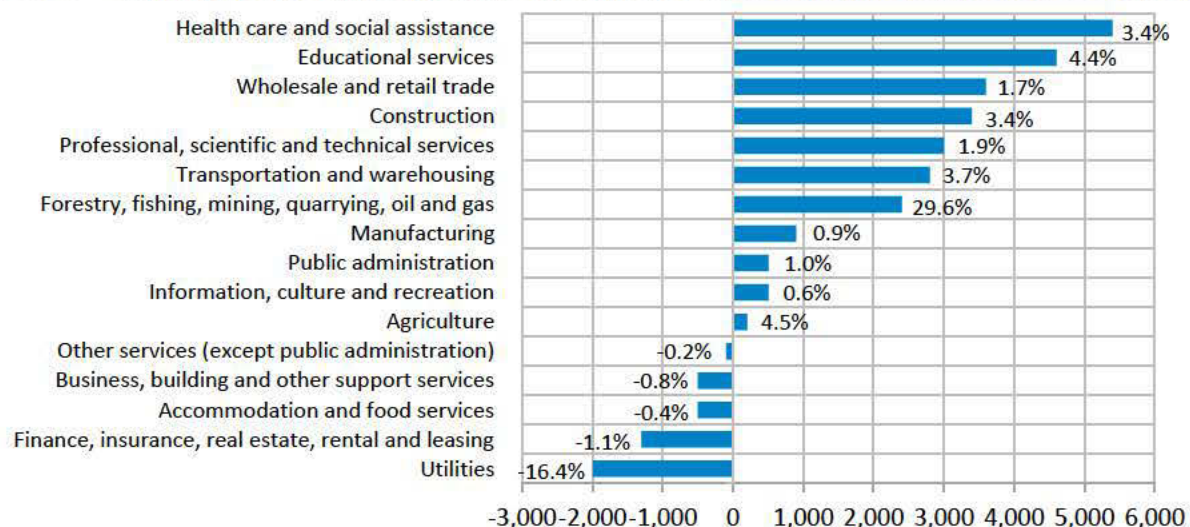


Source: Statistics Canada. Table 14-10-0095-01 Labour force characteristics by census metropolitan area, three-month moving average, unadjusted for seasonality.

Industry overview

Employment in utilities experienced the largest month to month loss over the three-month moving average in Metro Vancouver, declining by 2,000 workers (-16.4%). The second largest sector employment decline was in the finance, insurance, real estate, rental and leasing sector, which lost 1,300 workers (-1.1%). The third largest employment loss was in accommodation and food services, which declined by 500 jobs (-0.4%). Between November and December, employment in the health care and social assistance services grew by 5,400 people, an increase of 3.4% to its workforce. The second most gains were seen in educational services, which increased by 4,600 workers (+4.4%). Wholesale and retail trade grew by 3,600 workers (+1.7%) over the three-month moving average.

Figure 3 – Employment change by industry in Metro Vancouver, November to December

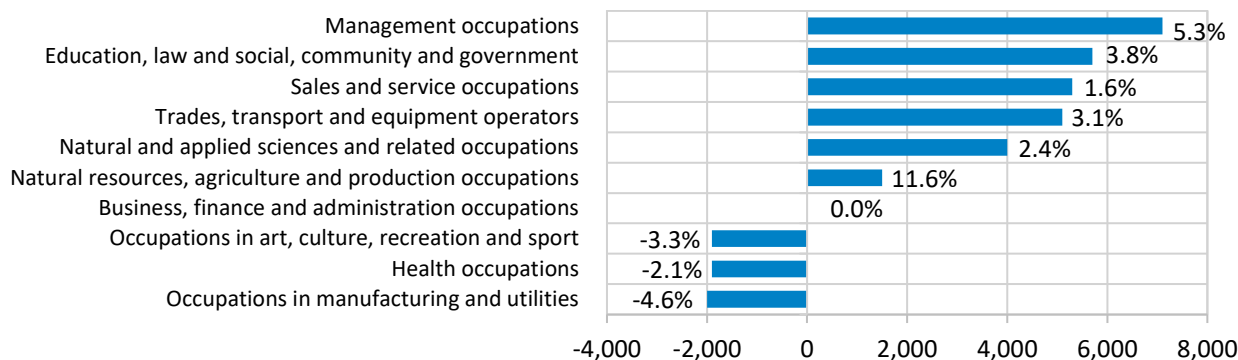


Source: Statistics Canada. Table 14-10-0097-01 Employment by industry, three-month moving average, unadjusted for seasonality, census metropolitan areas.

Occupation overview

Occupation employment data for the Vancouver CMA is published as a three-month moving average; therefore, data published for December is an average of October, November and December. Employment in manufacturing and utilities occupations experienced the largest month to month loss in Metro Vancouver, declining by 2,000 jobs (-4.6%) between November and December. The second largest decline was in health occupations, which lost 1,900 workers (-2.1%). The third largest employment losses were in occupations in art, culture, recreation and sport, which declined by 1,900 jobs (-3.3%). Between November and December, employment in management occupations had the largest gains with an additional 7,100 workers (+5.3%). The second largest gains were in occupations in education, law and social, community and government services, which experienced an increase of 5,700 jobs (+3.8%). Sales and service occupations grew the third most, with an increase of 5,300 (+1.6%) new workers.

Figure 4 – Employment change by occupations in Metro Vancouver, November to December

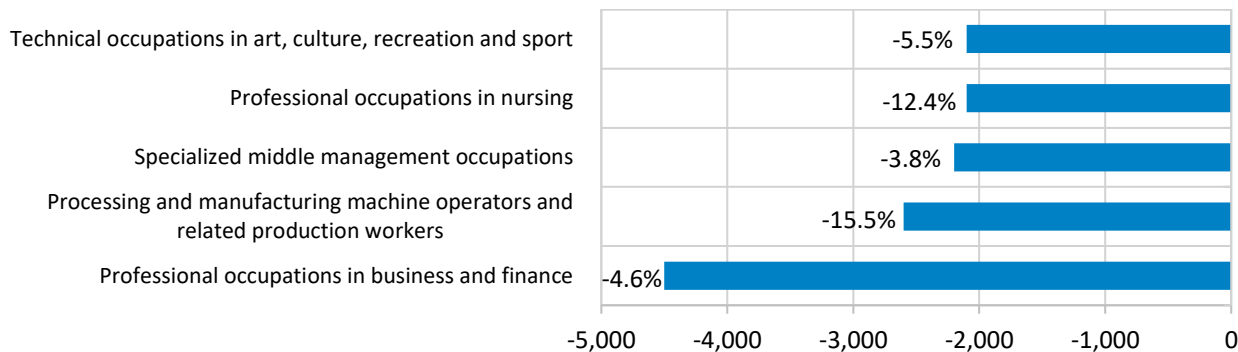


Source: Statistics Canada. Table 14-10-0313-01 Employment by occupation, three-month moving average, unadjusted for seasonality, census metropolitan areas.

The largest decrease in employment by detailed occupations was for professional occupations in business and finance, which lost 4,500 (-4.6%) workers since the previous month. Other occupations with significant employment losses include:

- Processing and manufacturing machine operators (-2,600; -15.5%)
- Specialized middle management occupations (-2,200; -3.8%)
- Professional occupations in nursing (-2,100; -12.4%)
- Technical occupations in art, culture, recreation and sport (-2,100; -5.5%)

Figure 5 – Most employment losses by detailed occupation, November to December

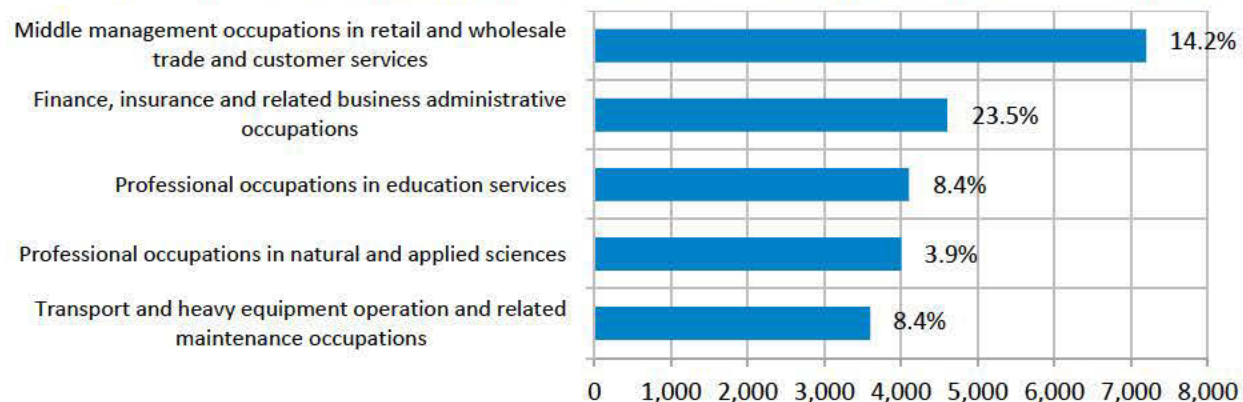


Source: Statistics Canada. Table 14-10-0313-01 Employment by occupation, three-month moving average, unadjusted for seasonality, census metropolitan areas.

The largest increase in employment by detailed occupations was for middle management occupations in retail and wholesale trade and customer services, which increased by 7,200 (+14.2%) workers since the previous month. Other occupations with employment gains from November to December include:

- Finance, insurance and related business administrative occupations (+4,600; +23.5%)
- Professional occupations in education services (+4,100; +8.4%)
- Professional occupations in natural and applied sciences (+4,000; +3.9%)
- Transport and heavy equipment operation and related maintenance occupations (+3,600; +8.4%)

Figure 6 – Most employment gains by detailed occupation, November to December



Source: Statistics Canada. Table 14-10-0313-01 Employment by occupation, three-month moving average, unadjusted for seasonality, census metropolitan areas.

Government orders

A number of major orders related to the COVID-19 pandemic were issued by various levels of government prior to and during this reference week (December 13th to December 19th). Please see Figure 7 for a full list. The next labour force survey release will be on February 5th (for reference week January 10th to January 16th, 2020).

Figure 7 – Labour and business-related Government orders and announcements in place during the December 13th to December 19th reference period

| Government | Date declared | Announcements/Orders |
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| SINCE PREVIOUS Reference Week | | |
| City of Vancouver | November 24 th | \$2.05 million in critical support grants to more than a hundred arts and culture organizations that have been impacted by COVID-19. |
| City of Vancouver | November 25 th | Empty Homes Tax rate increased to 3% for 2021 tax year. |
| City of Vancouver | December 4 th | Interim safety and design upgrades to Beach Avenue to provide additional space during the pandemic. |
| Canada | December 18 th | Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy (CEWS) rate increase to 75 per cent to help businesses in the beginning of the new year. |

Upcoming LFS data releases

Statistics Canada is scheduled to release LFS data on a monthly basis. The following table illustrates the upcoming LFS data releases and their reference period.

Figure 8 - Schedule of Labour Force Survey release dates

| Release dates | Reference period |
|----------------|----------------------------|
| Feb 5, 2021 | Jan 10 to Jan 16, 2021 |
| March 12, 2021 | Feb 14 to Feb 20, 2021 |
| April 9, 2021 | March 15 to March 21, 2021 |

Additional Data Sources: Employment Lands and Economy Review

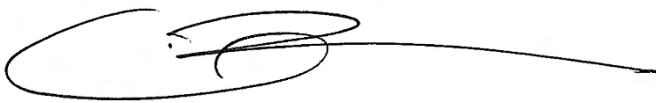
The Employment Lands and Economy Review team has also prepared 30 fact sheets using a variety of data sources detailing the economic structure of the city of Vancouver and the role of the city within the regional economy. These fact sheets are available on the City's website here: <https://vancouver.ca/employment-lands>.

City of Vancouver business support webpage

On Friday, April 3rd, City staff established the COVID-19 Business Communications and Support Office (BCSO) to assist local businesses at this critical time. The office is a single point of contact for Vancouver's local business owners to get information from the City of Vancouver regarding business support programs, to learn what City-run business services are currently available, and to make suggestions to the City concerning business and the economy. The webpage is available here: <https://vancouver.ca/home-property-development/covid-19-coronavirus-support-for-local-businesses.aspx>.

Staff in the City-Wide & Regional Planning division of the Planning, Urban Design and Sustainability department is supporting the BCSO, ensuring that information for business remains current and accessible, responding directly to questions by e-mail as well as assisting with developing resources for responding to concerns raised by local business operators.

If you have any questions or require further information, please contact me or Chris Robertson, Assistant Director, City-Wide & Regional Planning, at 604-873-7684 or chris.robertson@vancouver.ca.



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APPENDIX A – All labour and business-related Government orders and announcements up to the end of the previous reference week ending November 15th

| PRIOR TO Reference Week | | |
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| Province of British Columbia | March 12 th | Gatherings of over 250 people prohibited |
| Canada | March 13 th | Cruise ships with over 500 people prohibited from docking at any Canadian port |
| Province of British Columbia | March 16 th | Gatherings of over 50 people prohibited |
| Canada | March 17 th | Bank of Canada lowered the interest rate by 50 basis points to 0.75% |
| Canada | | Canada closed its border to non-citizens (with some exceptions); inbound travelers must self-isolate |
| City of Vancouver / Parks Board | | All VPL, Civic Theatre, and Park Board facilities closed |
| Province of British Columbia | | State of emergency declared |
| Province of British Columbia | | Those travelling on or after March 12 th must self-isolate |
| Province of British Columbia | | Order to shut down all restaurant and bar dine-in service |
| Province of British Columbia | | Notice to close casinos |
| Canada | March 18 th | Income tax payment deferral for business delayed to after August 31 st |
| Canada | | 10% wage subsidy for small employers and non-profits for three months |
| City of Vancouver | March 19 th | State of emergency declared |
| Canada | March 20 th | Canada-U.S. border closed to all non-essential travel starting March 20 th |
| City of Vancouver | | Order to shut down all restaurant table service starting March 20 th |
| Province of British Columbia | March 21 st | Order to shut down personal service establishments (salons, spas, massage and tattoo parlors) |
| City of Vancouver | March 23 rd | Order to shut down personal service establishments (salons, spas, massage and tattoo parlors) |
| Province of British Columbia | | BC Emergency Benefit for Workers provides a tax-free \$1,000 payment starting May 1 st |
| Province of British Columbia | March 24 th | School Tax reduction for businesses in property classes 4, 5, 6 |
| Canada | March 27 th | Deferral of GST and HST tax payment, and taxes and duties owed on imports until June |
| Canada | | Bank of Canada lowered the interest rate by 25 basis points to 0.50% |
| Canada | | Canada Emergency Business Account provides up to \$25 billion to eligible financial institutions to offer \$40,000 interest-free loans to small businesses guaranteed and funded by the Government of Canada with up to \$10K forgivable. |
| Canada | March 27 th Implemented April 27 th | Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy: 75% wage subsidy up to \$847/week if applicant's business revenue has decreased by 30% because of Covid-19 |

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| Canada | March 30 th | Small and Medium-sized Enterprise Loan and Guarantee program that will enable up to \$40 billion in lending |
| Province of British Columbia | April 1 st | BC Hydro announces series of targeted bill relief programs across all customer types |
| Province of British Columbia | April 2 nd | \$300 monthly top-up for income assistance or disability assistance |
| City of Vancouver | April 3 rd | COVID-19 Business Communications and Support Office launched to assist local businesses |
| Province of British Columbia | April 8 th | Emergency Relief Support Fund providing \$225 per month for parents of children with special needs |
| Province of British Columbia | April 9 th | Temporary rental supplement of \$300 per month for eligible households with no dependents (\$500 with dependents) |
| Province of British Columbia | | Residential rental eviction ban |
| Province of British Columbia | April 14 th | Requirement for 14-day self-isolation for all temporary foreign workers arriving in BC for seasonal farm work |
| Province of British Columbia | April 15 th | Provincial state of emergency is extended to April 28 th |
| Province of British Columbia | | Additional services for commercial truck drivers |
| Province of British Columbia | April 16 th | Further reduction to school property tax rate for commercial properties, enhancement to 50% reduction to provincial school property tax rate that was originally announced for classes 4, 5, and 6 |
| Province of British Columbia | | Postponing the date that late payment penalties apply for commercial properties in classes 4,5,6,7 and 8 to Oct. 1, 2020 |
| Canada / Province of British Columbia | | The Canada Emergency Commercial Rent Assistance program (CECRA) to provide 75% commercial rent relief to tenants |
| Canada | April 17 th | \$675 million for small and medium-sized businesses through Canada's Regional Development Agencies |
| Canada | | \$500 million in funding for Culture, Heritage and Sports |
| Canada | April 18 th | \$306.8 million in funding to help small and medium-sized Indigenous businesses |
| Translink | April 20 th | TransLink has announced almost 1,500 layoffs and reduced services to save costs. |
| Canada | April 21 st | \$350 million in emergency funds for community groups and national charities |
| Canada | April 23 rd | Medical and Research Strategy announced including \$1.1 billion in funding for research into vaccines and treatments, and national testing and modelling. |
| City of Vancouver | April 29 th | Property tax payment deadline for both residential and commercial delayed from July 3 to October 30, 2020 |
| Province of British Columbia | May 1 st | B.C. Emergency Benefit for Workers provides a one-time, tax-free payment of \$1,000 |

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| Canada | May 5 th | \$252 million to support for agricultural-food industry with implementing measures to comply with sanitary requirements and maintain food supply |
| Province of British Columbia | May 6 th Implemented May 19 th | B.C.'s Restart Plan announced to lift restrictions in phases, gradually allowing for more social and economic activity. Phase 2, which will begin in May 19, includes: opening regulated health services and more non-essential businesses |
| Canada | May 7 th | Up to \$3 billion in wage top-up for essential workers announced. |
| Canada | May 11 th | Announced large employer emergency financing facility (LEEFF) providing bridge financing to employers with annual revenues of more than \$300 million |
| Canada | | Expansion of the Business Credit Availability Program (BCAP) to mid-sized companies with larger financing needs. Support for mid-market businesses includes loans up to \$60 million, and guarantees up to \$80 million |
| Canada | May 12 th | \$3 billion for infrastructure projects to make facilities more pandemic-resistant and encourage outdoor activities. Projects must be completed in 2021. |
| Canada | May 14 th | New Regional Relief and Recovery Fund (RRRF) devotes nearly \$962 million to help more businesses and organizations in sectors such as manufacturing, technology, tourism and others that are key regional and local economic drivers. |
| Canada | May 15 th | Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy (CEWS) will be extended by another 3 months (to end of August) to support businesses in re-opening plans |
| Canada | | \$450 million to help researchers and research institutions impacted by the pandemic |
| Province of British Columbia | May 19 th | Pandemic pay for front line health and social workers. |
| Canada | | Expansion to the eligibility criteria for the Canada Emergency Business Account (CEBA) to include many owner-operated small businesses |
| Province of British Columbia | May 22 nd | Authorize expansion of patio service area through simplified licensing process |
| Canada | May 25 th | Canada Emergency Commercial Rent Assistance (CECRA) opens for applications |
| Province of British Columbia | | \$10M grant for tourism marketing organization |
| Province of British Columbia | June 1 st | \$7.5M for music industry through Creative BC for Amplify BC. |
| Province of British Columbia | | Commercial eviction ban extended through the month of July |

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| City of Vancouver | June 1 st | Launched the Temporary Expedited Patio Program, which permits restaurants and liquor-serving establishments to set up temporary patios using street, on-street parking and sidewalk space in front or next to their business for free. |
| Province of British Columbia | June 2 nd | In-class instruction re-opens |
| Province of British Columbia | June 5 th | Closed hospitality businesses allowed to sell stock |
| Province of British Columbia | June 10 th | State of Emergency extended through the end of the day on June 23, 2020 |
| Canada | June 11 th | \$133M for Indigenous businesses |
| City of Vancouver | June 12 th | City to introduce pop-up plazas, parklets and issues 47 temporary expedited patio permits and expands program to patios on private property to support ongoing recovery efforts |
| Province of British Columbia | | Better access to gaming grants program for non-profits |
| Province of British Columbia | | BC Arts Council second half of operating grants released |
| Canada | June 16 th | CERB extended from 16 weeks to 24 weeks for workers |
| Province of British Columbia | | Temporary emergency funding program (TEF) for licensed child care centres is being extended until Aug 31, 2020 |
| Province of British Columbia | | Approval of temporary wholesale pricing for those with liquor licenses |
| Canada | June 17 th | \$500M additional R&D funding through Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada's (NSERC) Discovery Grant program. |
| Province of British Columbia | June 19 th | Extended the temporary rental supplement (TRS) until the end of August 2020 to support landlords and tenants |
| Province of British Columbia | June 20 th | Extension of electricity costs for industries that have been impacted by COVID-19 |
| Province of British Columbia | June 24 th | BC enters Phase 3 of the Restart Plan, including the return of travel and tourism within the province. |
| Province of British Columbia | June 25 th | Applications open from local governments, community groups and First Nations for nearly \$160 million in infrastructure grants to help strengthen communities throughout British Columbia. |
| | | Extension of the temporary layoffs provisions to a maximum of 24 weeks expiring on Aug. 30, 2020 |
| Canada | | Program launched to encourage students to volunteer in the fight against COVID-19. Post-secondary students will be eligible to earn up to \$5,000 this summer through a new volunteer service grant. |
| Canada | July 2 nd | Canada Emergency Commercial Rent Assistance (CECRA) program extended for an additional month, through July |

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| Province of British Columbia | July 2 nd | Emergency order protecting eligible businesses from being evicted extended through July in alignment with federal CECRA extension |
| City of Vancouver | July 3 rd | Over 180 temporary patio permits issued |
| Province of British Columbia | July 7 th | Extended State of Emergency to July 21 |
| Canada | July 14 th | Travel restrictions at the Canada-U.S. border will be extended into August as the COVID-19 pandemic continues |
| Canada | July 16 th | Announced investment of over \$19 billion (was previously \$14 billion) through the Safe Restart Agreement with provinces and territories to protect health, get Canadians back to work and prep for possible second wave |
| Province of British Columbia | | \$2 billion from the Safe Re-Start Agreement will be coming from the federal government to support the province's restart plan |
| Canada | July 17 th Implemented: August 17 th | Announced changes to the Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy (CEWS) that would extend the program until the end of the year and open it to employers who had any drop in revenue can now qualify. |
| City of Vancouver | July 24 th | Over 280 temporary patio permits issued |
| City of Vancouver | July 31 st | Community Centres set to open Sept 8th |
| Canada | July 31 st | Canada Emergency Commercial Rent Assistance (CECRA) extended through August. |
| Province of British Columbia | July 16th | Rental repayment framework protects renters by ensuring they cannot be evicted for a missed or late rent payment from March 18 to Aug. 17, unless a renter defaults on their repayment plan. |
| Province of British Columbia | August 4 th | State of Emergency extended until August 18th |
| Province of British Columbia | August 5 th | Additional \$2 million in funding for the CleanBC Specialty-Use Vehicle Incentive (SUVI) program |
| City of Vancouver | August 6 th | Approves over \$4.85M of grants repurposed to help community organizations recover |
| Canada | August 13 th | Additional \$31 million for quick recovery actions in communities through the Canada Healthy Cities Initiative. |
| City of Vancouver | August 14 th | Over 360 temporary patio permits have been issued and expands public space on Robson Street |
| Province of British Columbia | August 17 th | The Province's temporary COVID-19 Crisis Supplement that has been provided since April will be extended for an additional four months |
| Province of British Columbia | | \$2-million Arts Infrastructure Program for arts and culture venues |
| Province of British Columbia | August 18 th | Improvements to Workers Compensation Act |
| Province of British Columbia | | State of emergency extended |

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| Canada | August 20 th | The Canada Emergency Response Benefit (CERB) has extended by four weeks for a total of 28 weeks |
| City of Vancouver | August 21 st | Vancouver Police Department (VPD) give authority to enforce provincial health orders |
| Province of British Columbia | | \$2,000 violations can be issued for owners or organizers contravening the provincial health orders on gatherings and events |
| Canada | August 26 th | \$2 billion for Safe Return to Class initiative |
| Canada | | Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy (CEWS) now applies to any revenue drop |
| City of Vancouver/ Parks Board | August 31 st | Vancouver Aquarium closing to public indefinitely and laying off 209 staff starting Sept 8 th |
| Province of British Columbia | September 1 st | State of emergency extended |
| Canada | September 2 nd | The application deadline for CEBA has been extended until the end of November |
| Province of British Columbia | September 3 rd | Broadway Subway design and build contract project awarded to the Broadway Subway Project Corporation |
| Province of British Columbia | | Maximum allowable housing rent increase set at 1.4% for 2021 |
| City of Vancouver | September 4 th | Announcing the opening of more than 50 recreation facilities over the next six weeks |
| Canada | September 9 th | The Canada Emergency Commercial Rent Assistance (CECRA) program extended for the final time into October |
| Canada | | Black Entrepreneurship Program to support Black business owners and entrepreneurs |
| Province of British Columbia | | \$1.6 billion fall and winter preparedness plan strengthen measures that respond to the health-care requirements of COVID-19 |
| Province of British Columbia | September 14 th | \$2 million to launch the new Domestic Motion Picture Fund |
| Province of British Columbia | September 15 th | State of emergency extended |
| Province of British Columbia | September 17 th | Stronger BC for Everyone: BC's Economic Recovery Plan includes \$1.5 billion in economic recovery spending |
| Province of British Columbia | September 18 th | TransLink will receive \$644 million under the federal/provincial Safe Restart Agreement. |
| Province of British Columbia | September 19 th | Community-based sports groups facing the risk of closing are encouraged to apply for support from the Province's \$1.5-million Local Sport Relief Fund |
| Province of British Columbia | | The CleanBC Building Innovation Fund (CBBIF) to provide funding for 13 projects throughout the Province and an additional \$8 million for a second intake as part of British Columbia's Economic Recovery Plan |
| Canada | September 21 st | TransLink, BC Transit and BC Ferries will share more than \$1 billion under the federal/provincial Safe Restart Agreement |

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| City of Vancouver | September 22 nd | Employment Lands and Economy Review provides quick-start actions to support the City's COVID-19 Recovery Program, as well as emerging policy directions to help Vancouver support jobs, businesses, and the future growth of our economy |
| Canada | September 24 th | Announcement of the three new Recovery Benefits for workers not eligible for EI |
| Canada | September 25 th | Announcement of Canada-wide early learning and child care system |
| | | More accessible and flexible EI system announced |
| | | Extension of benefit of furloughed employees under the wage subsidy program for the upcoming four-week period, from October 27 to November 24, 2020. |
| City of Vancouver | | Launching a new one-time grants program to provide financial and in-kind support to the arts and culture sector |
| Province of British Columbia | September 29 th | State of emergency extended |
| Canada | October 2 nd | Additional \$600 million to support workers and businesses through RRRF. This means an additional \$263.7 million for Western Economic Diversification Canada (WD) |
| | | border restrictions that remain in place and enhancing quarantine monitoring |
| Canada | October 5 th | Applications open for the Canada Recovery Sickness Benefit (CRSB), and the Canada Recovery Caregiving Benefit (CRCB). |
| Canada | October 7 th | New interest relief measure to provide help to Canada Student Loan borrowers on medical or parental leave |
| Canada | October 9 th | CERS updated to provide rent and mortgage support directly to tenants until June 2021, with a 25% top up for organizations having to shut down due to public health orders |
| | | CEBA expanded to an additional \$20,000 to eligible businesses and not-for-profits |
| City of Vancouver | | Application deadline extended to end of year Temporary patios may continue to operate throughout winter until November 31, 2021 |
| Canada | October 12 th | Applications for the Canada Recovery Benefit open |
| Province of British Columbia | October 13 th | State of emergency extended |
| Canada | October 20 th | \$12 million for the Canada United Small Business Relief Fund |
| Canada | October 22 nd | \$100 million over four years to support oil and gas sector job growth and reduce greenhouse gas emissions through the Strategic Innovation Fund (SIF) |

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| City of Vancouver | | Employment Lands and Economy Review provides quick-start actions to support the City's COVID-19 Recovery Program, and policy direction to support jobs, businesses, and guide economic growth through the Vancouver Plan |
| City of Vancouver | October 23 rd | City launches online application to extend temporary patios |
| Canada | October 26 th | Canada Emergency Business Account open to businesses using personal banking accounts |
| Canada | October 27 th | University of British Columbia's energy-efficiency initiative receives a boost through the Low Carbon Economy Fund |
| Province of British Columbia | | State of emergency extended |
| Canada | October 30 th | 2021–2023 Immigration Levels Plan sets out a path for increases to immigration targets to help the Canadian economy recover |
| | | \$796,000 in funding from the National Research Council of Canada (NRC) through the Pandemic Response Challenge program |
| Canada | November 9 th | Connecting British Columbia to high-speed Internet with the Universal Broadband Fund |
| Province of British Columbia | | Rent freeze extended until July 10, 2021 and pending increases cancelled under the powers of the Emergency Program Act and COVID-19 Related Measures Act. |
| Province of British Columbia | November 10 th | State of emergency extended |
| | | New health orders to restrict gatherings and events |
| Canada | November 12 th | \$4 million to support 53 new projects under the EcoAction Community Funding Program. |
| Canada | November 13 th | \$1,560,000 in support will help two BC projects focused on audiovisual, interactive digital media, visual art and design |
| | | Government of Canada moves forward on pay equity to help address wage gaps in federally regulated workplaces |
| | | \$1.7 million for business ecosystem support in BC through the Regional Relief and Recovery Fund (RRRF) for seven organizations. |
| Province of British Columbia | November 13 th | Province updates measures to enforce Lower Mainland COVID-19 public safety |