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Subject: Premier's Press Conference Today, April 15 2020

Greetings Mayor and Council,

Please see below a summary of the premier's announcement at 1:15 p.m. today.

Premier's Update – 4/15/2020

- Thanks to people who stayed home over the long weekend
- State of emergency will be extended for two more weeks
- Acknowledgment of frontline workers, including employees ensuring returning international travelers have isolation plans
- Provincial government is focused on maintaining current course

Media Questions

Q: What signals are you looking for to start implementing a recovery plan? **A:** Will not set an arbitrary date and will consider health data to make decisions. Believe that BC will be in better position than many other places when it's time to restart the economy and are planning to start recovery as soon as the scientific evidence tells us we can.

Q: What do you think of CoV and TransLink financial requests? **A:** Municipalities across BC are having financial difficulties. Min Robinson is working with UBCM to help all municipalities. The province is developing proposals that Ministers Robinson and James will talk about later this week. Premier is talking to the federal government about BC Transit and TransLink, both critical components that must continue to support essential services and can't be allowed to fail.

Q: Can regions where there are fewer cases ease their restrictions earlier? **A:** Province is looking at specific regions to understand their circumstances. However, at this point the approach will continue to be province wide.

Q: Help for people in need who don't qualify for CERB or rental supports. When can public expect to hear more about new financial supports? **A:** BC only province with program for renters. Task force led by Min Simpson is working to help identify the people falling through the cracks and will continue to work to complement federal supports. People should contact their MLAs and MPs to let them know what they need and feed it into the system.

Q: How deep will BC recession go? **A:** looking at forecasts, but we don't know yet when BC and world will come out of this. Not sure when markets will start up again as shutdowns end around the world and our trading partners rebound. All speculative at this point.

Q: Support for people working from home who have home expense increases like hydro bills? **A:** This event does not change that ICBC is still in process of being fixed. There will be an announcement tomorrow on new modest savings from ICBC.

Q: Will BC ban vacation rentals to protect small communities? **A:** Don't want to over police (don't want situation like in TO where person got ticket for sitting on bench with dog) public scorn is effective just as much as a ticket.

Q: How flat does the curve need to be to restart economy? **A:** We can perhaps restart economy before other places, but this decision will depend on the science. New modelling will be presented on Friday that may indicate when changes could start to be phased in.

Best,
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