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2020 04 17 - VEC COVID-19 Response Weekly Summary - FINAL.pdf

Good Morning:

Please find attached the following:

Vancouver Economic Commission's Economic Report

Note, that following next week's edition we will be moving to circulating the report every two weeks.

Monthly PDS memo to Mayor and Council outlining Statistics Canada monthly Labour Force Survey (LFS) data – March 15-March 21, 2020.

Highlights: Monthly Labour Force Survey Data, March 2020

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- ❑ Nationally, the unemployment rate increased by 2.2 percentage points to 7.8%
- ❑ Overall employment in the region decreased by 114,800 (-7.9%)
- ❑ Sectors with the largest employment losses include:
- ❑ Accommodation and food services (-10,900 workers, -10.2%)
- ❑ Wholesale and retail trade (-7,900 workers, -3.3%).

If you have any questions on this information, please contact Gil Kelley, General Manager of Planning, Urban Design & Sustainability at Gil.Kelley@vancouver.ca or 604.873.7456.

Thanks to VEC and PDS for compiling this information.

Best

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MEMORANDUM

April 9, 2020

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SUBJECT: Economic Impact of COVID-19 - Monthly Labour Force Data: March 2020

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Purpose of this memo

This memo highlights the monthly Labour Force Survey (LFS) data published by Statistics Canada released on April 9th, 2020 for the reference period of March 15^h to March 21st. 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 short period of time since the Pandemic. 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.

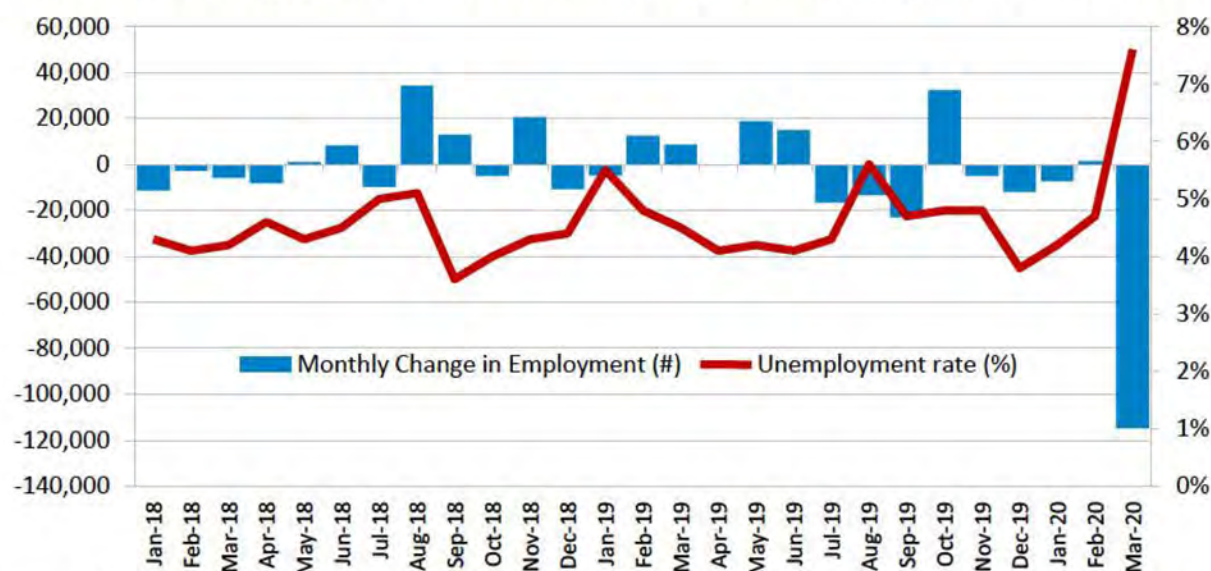
Important notes about the data

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. LFS data for the city of Vancouver proper is not available. 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 1,461,400 in February to 1,346,600 in March for a loss of -114,800 (-7.9%). The unemployment rate increased 2.9 percentage points to 7.6%, the highest unemployment rate in the region since August 2011. Nationally, the unemployment rate increased by 2.2 percentage points to 7.8%. A number of major orders related to the COVID-19 pandemic were issued by various levels of government during this reference week (March 15 to 21). Please see Figure 6 for a full list. The next labour force survey release will be on May 8th (for reference week April 12 to 18). The data provided in the May 8th release will provide important insights into the impacts that senior government mitigation measures taken after March 21 have had on employment and the economy.

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



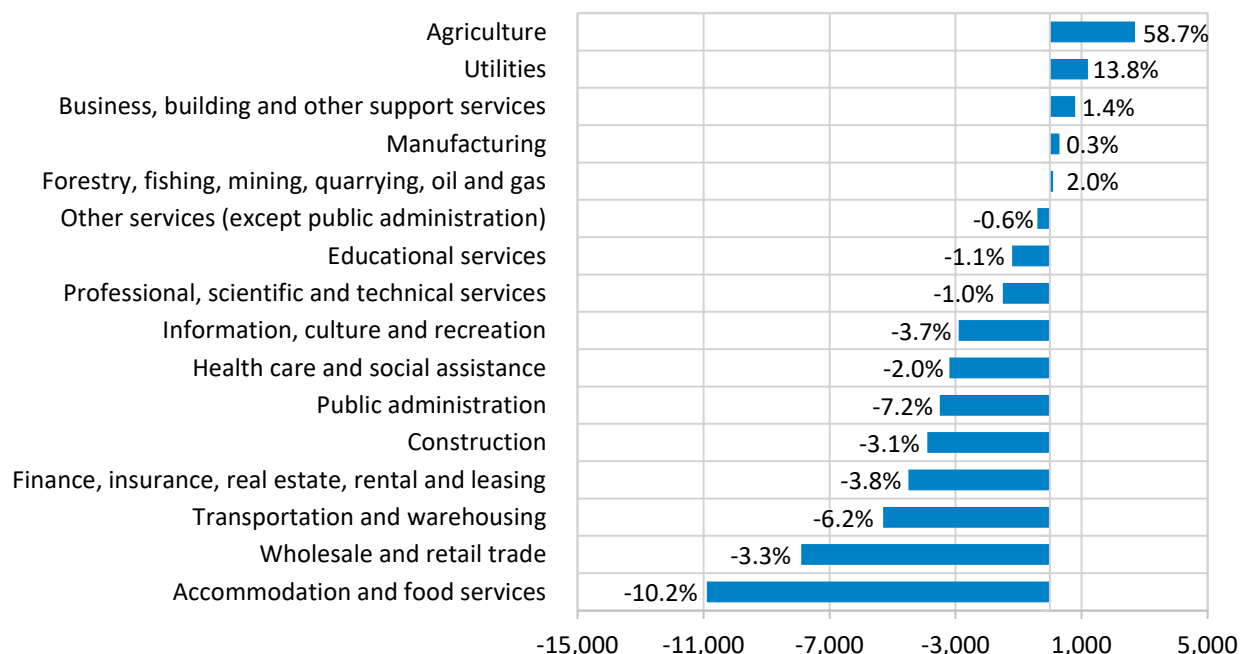
Source: Statistics Canada. Table 14-10-0295-01 Labour force characteristics by census metropolitan areas, unadjusted for seasonality.

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).

Industry overview

Employment in accommodation and food services experienced the largest month to month loss in Metro Vancouver, declining by 10,900 people (-10.2%) working in the sector. The second most losses were attributed to wholesale and retail trade, which lost 7,900 people (-3.3%) working in the sector. The third most employment losses were in transportation and warehousing, which declined by 5,300 people (-6.2%). Between February and March, employment in agriculture grew by 2,700 people, an increase of +58.7% to its workforce. Employment for the utilities sector increased by 1,200 people (+13.8%).

Figure 2 – Employment change by industry in Metro Vancouver, February to March

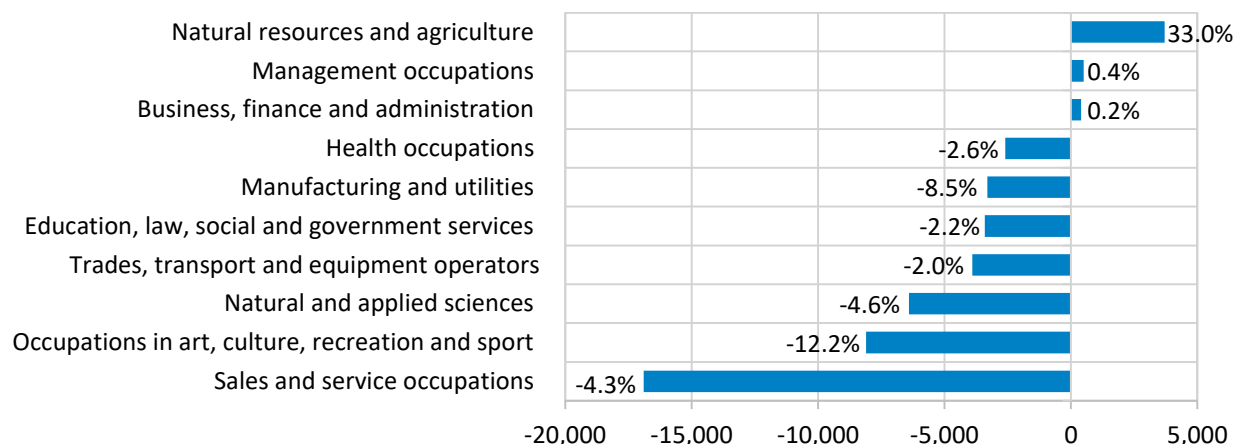


Source: Statistics Canada. Table 14-10-0097-01 Employment by industry, three-month moving average, unadjusted for seasonality, census metropolitan areas.

Occupation overview

Employment in sales and service occupations experienced the largest month to month loss in Metro Vancouver, declining by 16,900 people (-4.3%) working in that occupation. The second most losses were attributed to occupations in art, culture, recreation and sport, which lost 8,100 people (-12.2%). The third most employment losses were in natural and applied sciences, which declined by 6,400 people (-4.6%). Employment in natural resources and agriculture grew by 3,700 people (+33.0%).

Figure 3 – Employment change by occupations in Metro Vancouver, February to March

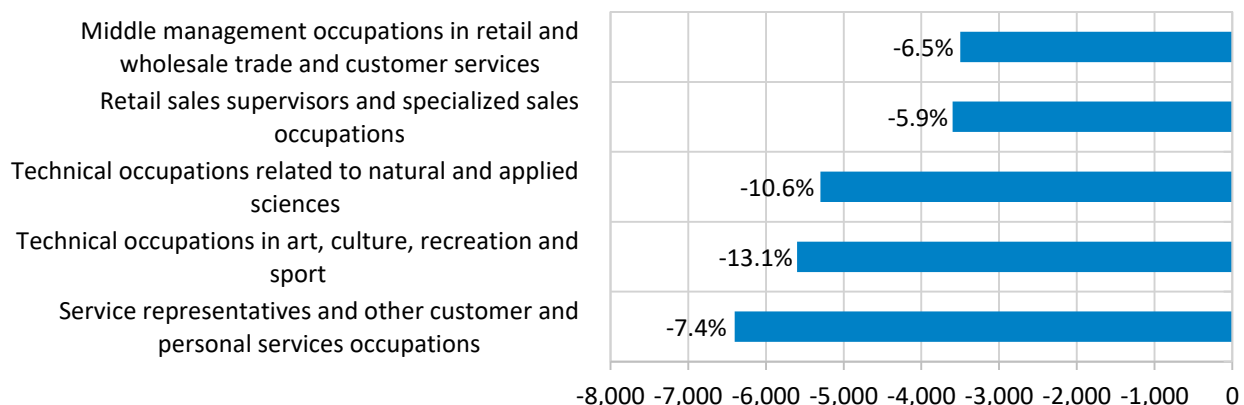


Source: Statistics Canada. Table 14-10-0313-01 Employment by occupation, three-month moving average, unadjusted for seasonality, census metropolitan areas.

The largest decrease in employment by detailed occupations was for service representatives and other customer and personal services occupations, which lost 6,400 (-7.4%) workers since the previous month. Other occupations with significant employment losses include:

- Technical occupations in art, culture, recreation and sport (-5,600 ; -13.1%)
- Technical occupations related to natural and applied sciences (-5,300; -10.6%)
- Retail sales supervisors and specialized sales (-3,600; -5.9%)
- Middle management in retail and wholesale trade and customer services (-3,500; -6.5%)

Figure 4 – Most employment losses by detailed occupation, February to March

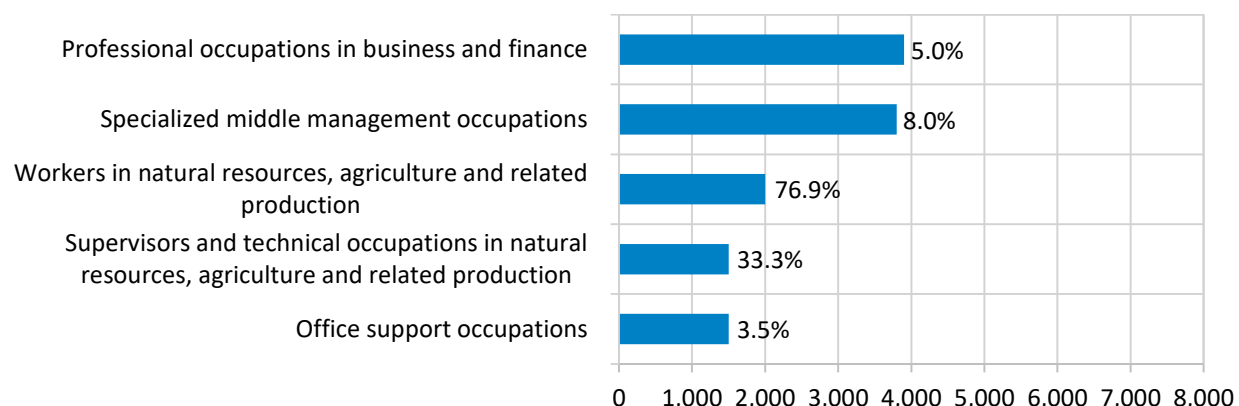


Source: Statistics Canada. Table 14-10-0313-01 Employment by occupation, three-month moving average, unadjusted for seasonality, census metropolitan areas.

The largest increase in employment by detailed occupations was for professional occupations in business and finance, which gained 3,900 (5.0%) workers since the previous month. Other occupations with employment gains February to March include:

- Specialized middle management occupations (+3,800; +8.0%)
- Workers in natural resources and agriculture (+2,000; +76.9%)
- Supervisors and technical occupations in natural resources and agriculture (+1,500; +33.3%)

Figure 5 – Most employment gains by detailed occupation categories, February to March



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

Government orders

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Figure 6 - Labour-Related Government orders in place during the March 15th to March 21st reference period

| Government | Date declared | Announcements/Orders |
|---------------------------------|------------------------|--|
| 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 | March 17 th | Canada closed its border to non-citizens (with some exceptions) Inbound travelers must self-isolate |
| City of Vancouver / Parks Board | March 17 th | All VPL, Civic Theatre, and Park Board facilities closed |
| Province of British Columbia | March 17 th | State of emergency declared |
| Province of British Columbia | March 17 th | Those travelling on or after March 12 th must self-isolate |
| Province of British Columbia | March 17 th | Order to shut down all restaurant and bar dine-in service |
| Province of British Columbia | March 17 th | Notice to close casinos |
| Canada | March 18 th | Income tax payment deferral for business to after August 31 st |
| Canada | March 18 th | 10% wage subsidy for small employers and non-profits for three months |

| Government | Date declared | Announcements/Orders |
|-------------------|------------------------|---|
| 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 | March 20 th | Order to shut down all restaurant table service starting March 20 th |

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 7 - Schedule of Labour Force Survey release dates

| Release dates | Reference period |
|---------------|----------------------|
| April 9, 2020 | March 15 to 21, 2020 |
| May 8, 2020 | April 12 to 18, 2020 |
| June 5, 2020 | May 10 to 16, 2020 |
| July 10, 2020 | June 14 to 20, 2020 |

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 launch

On Friday, April 3rd, City staff established the COVID-19 Business Communications and Support Office 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 are supporting this office, ensuring that information for business remains current and accessible 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 for City-Wide & Regional Planning, at 604-873-7684 or chris.robertson@vancouver.ca.



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Vancouver Economic Commission

COVID-19 Economic Update to City of Vancouver and VEC Staff

April 17, 2020

Updated 4:00 pm PDT – 17-Apr-2020

This document is a weekly round-up of the COVID-19 related impacts, mitigations and recovery planning on the Vancouver Economy. The purpose is to provide a Vancouver-centric briefing to City of Vancouver Leadership and staff at the Vancouver Economic Commission.

Purpose

1. Summarise the COVID-19 related economic impact, mitigations and recovery planning efforts on the Vancouver economy
2. Consolidate and escalate the outstanding priority industry asks of all levels of government
3. Provide key insights by sector including thought leadership, innovations and evolving economic recovery plans to inform COV and VEC's own efforts

Disclaimer

1. The information contained in this report is updated using continually evolving quantitative and qualitative data from a number of reputable sources
2. There are significant issues and compromises in the data collected by various organisations. Particularly in translating to timely city specific metrics versus regional.
3. All effort has been undertaken to capture the best relevant available data and intelligence, but the findings may not be fully representative of all businesses and sectors.
4. Key assumptions have been made to develop the most accurate metrics at a point in time. These metrics and assumptions are under continuous review.
5. Statistics being provided as temporary and permanent business closures under "Economic Impacts" for all sectors has been calculated from the City of Vancouver's Business Licence Database (pulled March 2020) and BC Chamber of Commerce COVID-19 Business Impact Survey (Apr, 8, 2020)

Further Information:

For the latest Government support and industry guidance to businesses and individuals, please go the VEC's COV-19 webpages: <https://www.vancouvereconomic.com/covid-19>

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1. Week at a Glance

1.A Key Government Announcements Impacting the Business Community ([Appendix A](#) for links):

Key announcements by all levels of government include:

- Federal Government:
 - a. *Canada Emergency Response Benefit ("CERB")*: Expanded eligibility to allow more individuals including seasonal workers, some students and others, and those who have exhausted EI to earn up to \$1,000 per month
 - b. *Canada Emergency Business Account ("CEBA")*: Expanded eligibility threshold to payrolls from \$20,000 - \$1.5 M in 2019, for loans up to \$40,000
 - c. *Emergency Commercial Rent Assistance*: Support for small businesses in April, May, and June, more information to come
 - d. *Funding for Vulnerable Communities*: \$130 M in additional aid to be provided to vulnerable northern communities
 - e. *Contraventions Act*: Will allow for increased flexibility for law enforcement, including RCMP, to issue tickets to individuals not complying with the Federal Quarantine Act
 - f. *Temporary Foreign Workers ("TFW")*: \$50 M will be provided to businesses hiring TFWs who are required to quarantine for 14 days upon arrival in Canada
 - g. *Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy ("CEWS")*: Legislation passed for \$73 B to be offered for 75% wage subsidy for businesses
 - h. *Employment in the Resource Sector*: Efforts to maintain ~ 10,000 jobs in the resources sector through \$1.7 B to clean up orphan wells in Western Canada and \$750 M Emission Reduction Fund
 - i. *Small Business Support*: \$926 M to regional development agencies and Community Futures network to support small business who do not qualify for CEBA
 - j. *Innovator Support*: \$270 M to Futurepreneur and Industrial Research Assistance Program to support innovators and early stage innovation firms
 - k. *Heritage Canada*: Received \$500 M to support artists, creators and rising stars
- Provincial:
 - a. *Rental Income Supplement*: Renter's experiencing income loss can apply for a temporary rental supplement between \$300 - \$500
 - b. *Self-Isolation Requirements*: Those who refuse to follow mandatory isolation when returning from Canada can face up to \$750,000 fines and up to 6 months in jail

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- c. *Children with Special Needs*: Parents of children with special needs can receive emergency funding of \$225 per month, for the next three months
- d. *Mental Health*: \$5 M will go to support existing mental health programs to ensure British Columbians have access during the pandemic
- e. *Showcase BC*: Artisans can receive \$2,000 micro-grants for livestreaming, song writing and professional development on new online hub
- f. *State of Emergency*: State of Emergency extended until April 28, 2020
- g. *Commercial Property Tax*: The province is reducing most commercial property tax by 25%, providing \$700 M in relief for classes 4, 5 and 6 and postponing payments until October 1, 2020 for classes 4, 5, 6 and 7
- h. *Small Business Support*: Small Business BC has partnered with Provincial and Federal government to create a resource centre for small businesses
- City of Vancouver:
 - a. Further measures of support from the Province for local governments:
 - i. Enable local governments to borrow, interest-free, from their existing capital reserves and greater flexibility to carry debt for an additional year
 - ii. Delaying provincial school tax remittance until the end of the year
 - b. Announced one day unpaid furlough in every two week period for all exempt City staff, effective immediately. Salary reductions for elected officials and senior leadership. The furlough change is expected to save \$7.5 M
 - c. VEC has implemented, with immediate effect, a one day unpaid furlough in every two week period for all full time VEC staff and are reviewing all non-essential costs
 - d. Established a COVID-19 Response and Recovery Working Group to Council

1.B Economy at a Glance

1.B.a Global and Canadian Economy at a Glance

- a. Global GDP:
 - a. The global economy is projected to contract by 3% in 2020, and then will increase by 5.8% in 2021 as economic activity normalizes. – [*International Monetary Fund, World Economic Outlook Report*](#)
 - b. The Great Lockdown of COVID-19 is the worst recession since the Great Depression, much worse than the Global Financial Crisis, the global loss from GDP over 2020 and 2021 could be around \$9 trillion – [*International Monetary Fund, The Great Lockdown: Worst Economic Downturn Since the Great Depressions*](#)

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- b. Trade globally is expected to fall between 13% - 32% in 2020 – [World Trade Organization, Trade set to plunge as COVID-19 pandemic upends global economy](#)
- c. Canada's economy lost more than 1 million jobs in the month of March, pushing the unemployment rate to 7.8% - [Statistics Canada, Labor Force Survey, March 2020](#)
- d. The Bank of Canada holds rate at 1.75% and announces that it won't release a formal forecast for the second quarter.



[Source – Bank of Canada, 2:43 PM, April 17, 2020](#)

1.B.b B.C. Economy

- a. The province lost 132,000 jobs in the month of March, a decrease by 5.2%. – [Statistics Canada, Labor Force Survey, March 2020](#)
- b. The unemployment rate for BC in March 2020 was 7.2% and the participation rate was 62.4% - [WorkBC, Labour Market Snapshots March 2020](#)
- c. [State of emergency extended to at least April 28, 2020](#)

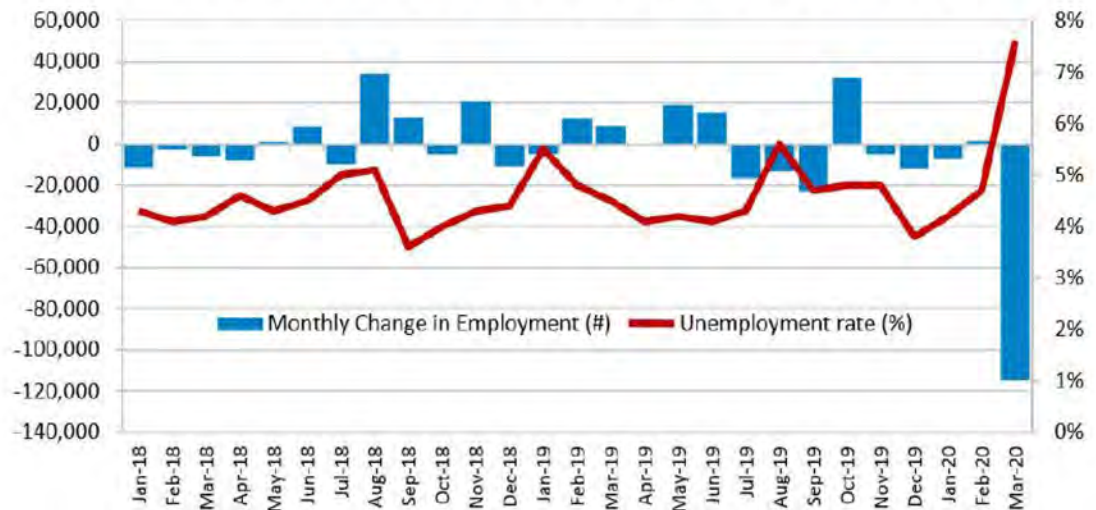
1.B.c Vancouver Economy at a Glance

- a. Vancouver has an unemployment rate of 5.3% This is almost a 1% increase from February (4.4%) and January (4.5%) – [WorkBC, Labour Market Snapshots March 2020](#)
- b. Statistics Canada released their monthly Labour Force Survey results for March 15-March 21.

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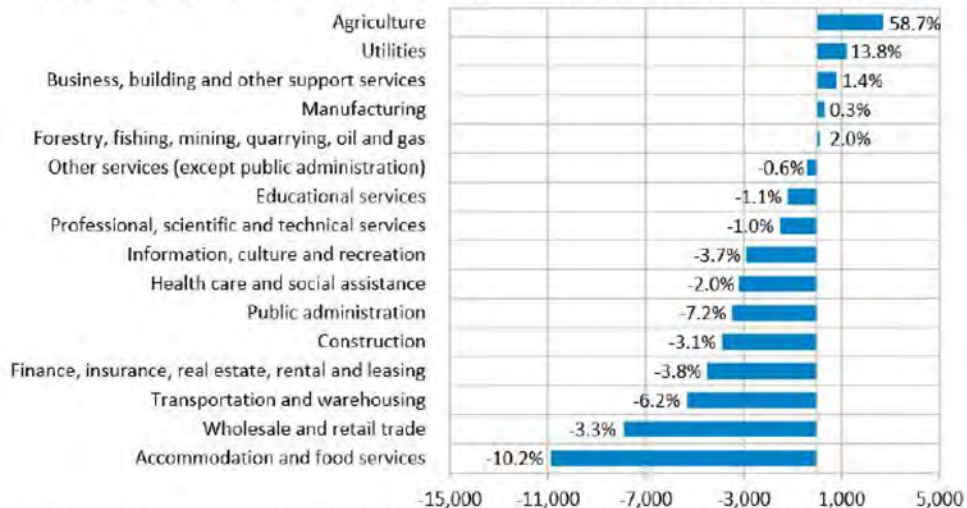
- Alongside the circulation of this report is a Council memo from the General Manager, Planning, Development and Sustainability outlining the highlights of this survey.
- In the Vancouver CMA area unemployment has increased by 4.7% since February 2020 – [Statistics Canada, Labour force characteristics by census metropolitan area, unadjusted for seasonality](#)

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Figure 2 – Employment change by industry in Metro Vancouver, February to March



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Note that the increases in employment do not take into account seasonality as is not a comparison on March 2019 to March 2020.

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- c. The Mayor's office completed a survey of 421 employed residents from April 9 – 10, 2020. The data has been statistically weighted according to the Canadian census figures for age, gender and region in the City of Vancouver, with a margin of error of +/- 4.7%
- 26% of those surveyed say their employer has reduced hours in the past month
 - 20% of those survey say their employer has cut jobs in the past month
 - 9% of those surveyed have lost their jobs in the past month

1.C Local Industry-led innovations and mitigations

Businesses and industry associations are moving quickly to support the survival of the businesses, innovate, and turn to recovery. Some local examples include:

- **Small Medium Enterprises:** Novo Textiles is poised to become the first manufacturer of N95 respirators in Canada. Surgical Mask production began April 7th and respirator masks will begin within two weeks.
- **Frontline PPS:** [Vancouver Apparel Companies Outfit Frontline Workers](#)
- **Biotech:** A Vancouver-based biotech firm AbCellera Biologics Inc describes unprecedented speed of [innovation](#)
- **Job Matchmaker:** Created by Vancity, Catalyst Community Developments and BC Non-Profit Housing Association for British Columbians who have recently lost their jobs as a result of COVID-19, [connecting](#) job seekers with non-profit housing providers in need of their skills sets
- **Tech:** A Vancouver based AI and quantum computing company has launched a chest radiography tool, 1Qbit, that significantly improves the accuracy and timeliness of diagnosing lung abnormalities. The company received expedited approval in just one week.
- **Building Resilience** during economic recovery was a key message in the [letter](#) from the Catalyst Business Coalition to BC Premier John Horgan

1.D BC COVID-19 Impact Pulse Check Survey Results (March 26 - April 1, 2020)

Led by BC Chamber of Commerce, Greater Vancouver Board of Trade, Business Council of British Columbia and the Mustel Group with survey results published every two weeks

The survey findings are from 1,938 business leaders between March 26 – April 1, 2020. The original report for BC, recently released, found [here](#). The next Pulse Survey has been distributed and closes end of next week.

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Key Findings for BC:

Note municipal specific data is due to be released but there are some legal issues being addressed by the survey partners

- 74% of businesses report a decrease in sales volume
- 42% of businesses report laying off staff (an average of 42 employees)
- In the past two weeks 48% of businesses have experienced revenue decreases of 75% or more; 63% have had revenues decreases by 50% or more
- Over the next two weeks, 75% of businesses expect decreased sales volumes with the majority, 56%, expecting revenues to fall 'significantly'
- 46% expect to still be closed in two weeks, 38% are expecting reduced staff hours, 29% further lay offs, 33% cancelled/deferred contracts, 26% capital projects, 27% marketing projects
- 55% of businesses believe the recovery will be slow. The top three reasons for the slow recovery include:
 - Permanent damage to the customers' ability to pay
 - Insufficient global economic activity
 - Insolvency or lack of financial capacity to restart the businesses

Asks to Federal government:

- Provide direct payments to affected businesses (56%)
- Immediately reduce rates for EI, company tax, personal tax, GDT, other government-imposed levies and charges (42%)

Asks to Provincial and Municipal governments:

- Further reduce tax rates facing BC businesses and households (57%)
- Provide direct support to BC industry sectors that are being particularly affected by the pandemic crisis (46%)
- Consider remedies for businesses not able to pay rent in collaboration with property owners and tenants (42%)

1.E Thought Leadership Resources

Key blog posts and webinars published by VEC and other key stakeholders:

| Source | Highlights |
|-----------------------------|---|
| International Monetary Fund | World Economic Outlook Report |
| World Economic Forum | World Economic Forum, Why informal networks will be the key to COVID-19 recovery |
| Various Webinars | 2020 Exceptional Economic Development Webinars |
| Statistics Canada | Various reviews including Canadian Economic Dashboard and March Monthly Labour Force Survey (also see PDS Memo to |

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| | Council for analysis) |
| Competition Bureau of Canada | Competition Bureau statement on competitor collaborations during COVID-19 pandemic |
| BC Economic Development Association | BCEDA Weekly Conference Call on Economic Response and Recovery |
| Conference Board of Canada | Sharp Deep Unprecedented Provincial Outlook Spring 2020 Preliminary Forecast |
| New Cities | The Big Rethink: Cities After COVID-19, looking at cities' strengths and shortcoming after COVID-19 |
| MaRS | Without more help from Ottawa, Canadian start-ups – critical to out economic future – will fail |
| Conference Board of Canada | Canadian Outlook Summary – Spring 2020 |
| Bloomberg Economics | Bloomberg Economics, France uses new measure to calculate 35% of economy is shut down by tracking consumer's credit card behaviour |

2. Industry's Priority Asks for Government

Industry feedback has been collected through key VEC stakeholder channels and partners with respect to current Government stimulus packages and outstanding needs of the business community.

Top outstanding asks to Government

Federal Government

- Support in bringing in temporary foreign workers
- Change the National Model Energy Code in Buildings and National Building Code to ensure Canada meets Paris Agreement commitments
- \$10 B loan to increase liquidity across all areas of tourism including hospitality and restaurants
- \$500 M for green industry training with a significant portion towards skills sets in energy efficiency and built environment sectors
- Automatic extensions to TFW who have lost their jobs from COVID, to find new employment within the same sector, and release them from working exclusively for one company

Provincial Government of BC

- Clarification around the aid programs, how to access them, and who qualifies for them
- Translink is seeking \$250 M to offset costs incurred for providing essential transit services
- To ensure that the process for obtaining PPE is streamlined and protocols are developed for who can access these materials

City of Vancouver

- Collaboration with industry and industry stakeholders to forecast demand for PPE (including product categories, specifications, and quantities), as manufacturers are considering ramping up supply or re-tooling their facilities
- Creation of mandatory COVID-19 Awareness Training to ensure consistency with safety guideline

Aspects identified as most beneficial / having the most positive impact

New responses:

- Expanded eligibility in Federal programs such as CERB, CEWS, and CEBA
- Emergency assistance for commercial rent at the Federal level and decreased commercial property taxes at the Provincial level

Sector Quick Links

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4. [Creative Industry](#)
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9. [Tech](#)
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Priority Cross-Sectoral Organizations Quick Links

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14. [Small Medium Enterprises and Business Improvement Associations](#)
15. [Non-Profit Organizations](#)

3. Sector Summaries

Academia and Education

Sector Profile

| | |
|------------------------|---|
| Strategic Forum | No formal forum. VEC engaging with key partners and sector leaders |
| GDP | \$7,627.9 M (2012) (2019 Contribution to Vancouver CMA GDP – Conference Board of Canada, Vancouver CMA GDP Calculation) |
| Employed | ~ 108,400 employed, Lower Mainland SW, <i>Statistics Canada March 2020 Employment by Industry</i> |
| Activity | Higher education; e-courses; language schools |
| COVID-19 | Significant impact to academic and research for both 2019-20 and 2021-21 school years |

Economic Impacts

- 36% or ~ 372 education related businesses are temporarily closed
- 54% of international students previously intending to study in Canada, now intend to defer admissions by one year- 2,800 international students surveyed - Quacquarelli Symonds, 13-APR-2020
- 1.1% Vancouver CMA educational services sector jobs lost since Feb 2020 (*Stats Canada, 3-month moving average, unadjusted for seasonality, census metropolitan areas, x 1,000*)
- 171,000 international students in BC - *BC Ministry of Jobs, Economic Development & Competitiveness (2018)*
- Federal government expansion of CERB now allows some students and education contractors to be qualify for support.

Primary Asks to Government and Government Response

- Expand CERB program further to allow eligibility of students and staff to qualify

Innovations and Recovery Planning

- IDES & ESDC are working on a benefit for students who depend on summer work to pay for tuition
- Federal government announced that International Student with valid study permits or who were approved for a study permit prior to March 18 are exempt from travel restrictions
- UBC is running a [series](#) of COVID-19 workshops for front line professionals, public education [seminars](#) and [fundraising](#) for student – *Ministry of JEDC, Ministry of JEDC*

Accommodation and Food Services

Sector Profile

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| Strategic Forum | Tourism Response and Recovery Taskforce |
| GDP | \$4,576.7 M (2019 Contribution to Vancouver CMA GDP – Conference Board of Canada, Vancouver CMA GDP Calculation) |
| Employed | ~ 96,200 employed, Lower Mainland SW (Statistics Canada March 2020 Employment by Industry) |
| Activity | Hotelier; other accommodation; restaurants; bars; other food services |
| COVID-19 | Significant impact to accommodation and hospitality services experiencing unprecedented low capacity levels and full closure with exception on delivery services |

Economic Impacts

- 35% of BC hotels have temporarily closed (ISED, 2-Apr-2020)
- 90% or ~60,000 layoffs in the B.C. hotel industry alone in the last two weeks (ISED, 2-Apr-2020)
- 80% or ~152,000 jobs lost in the B.C. Food Service Industry (BCRFA)
- 17,000 jobs lost in the Vancouver Food Service Industry (BCRFA)
- Estimated \$3 B of revenues lost in Q2 for BC restaurants (Restaurants Canada)
- 10.2% of jobs have been lost since February 2020 in the accommodation and food services sector in Vancouver CMA (Statistics Canada)
- Permanent closure of 10% of restaurants in BC, approximately 1,400 businesses (Restaurants Canada Vice President)
- 18% of members to Restaurant Canada will have to close their doors permanently in the next 30 days if conditions do not improve (Restaurants Canada)
- Occupancy rates at hotels across BC are now under 3.5%, compared to 70% in early March (BC Hotel Association)

Primary Asks to Government and Government Response

- Ask to Provincial and Municipal government for a 12-month tax deferral and timing for easing social distancing orders

Innovations and Recovery Planning

- Earl's Restaurant launched a grocery service last month, and estimates grocery sales now account for 10% of the chain's sales (Ministry of JEDC, 16-APR-2020)
- Some restaurants have been able to bring back a portion of laid-off staff to prepare meals for homeless and health care workers

Agriculture

Sector Profile

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|------------------------|---|
| Strategic Forum | No local forum |
| GDP | To be confirmed |
| Employed | ~ 7,300 employed, Lower Mainland SW (<i>Statistics Canada March 2020 Employment by Industry</i>) |
| Activity | Primary agriculture and aquaculture and related businesses |
| COVID-19 | Decrease in foreign workers resulting in reduction in local food production and potential food security and pricing inflations. |

Economic Impacts

- Growing concern for food security and the impact to pricing inflation and standard of living
- Agriculture included on BC essential service list
- Marine fisheries and aquaculture sectors are experiencing losses in sales with unavailable market exports – *Ministry of JEDC, Ministry of JEDC, 16-APR-2020*
- BC produce is not ready yet, and there is a three-week gap between international supply slowing and BC supply coming online – *Peter van Stolk, 9-APR-2020*
- Jobs have increased by 58.7% since February 2020 in the agricultural sector in Vancouver CMA, and has declined by 16% when comparing March 2020 to March 2019 – (*Statistics Canada*)

Alternative metrics under development including Consumer Price Index

Primary Asks to Government and Government Response

- Support is needed to bring in Temporary Foreign Workers
- Marine fisheries currently are unable to access federal programs and need assistance

Innovations and Recovery Planning

- Farmers have been disposing of 50,000 – 60,000 litres of milk a day. The sector is working to donate any oversupply to food banks and other groups providing food for vulnerable populations – *Ministry of JEDC, Ministry of JEDC, 16-APR-2020*

Creative Industry (incl. arts, culture, film, entertainment)

Sector Profile

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|------------------------|---|
| Strategic Forum | Canadian Film & TV Industry Taskforce, Vancouver Film, TV Animation and VFX Taskforce. New VEC/COV led forum under development. |
| GDP | \$7,627.8 M (2012) 2019 Contribution to Vancouver CMA GDP – <i>Conference Board of Canada, Vancouver CMA GDP Calculation. Note: CBOC classifies this in Information and Culture</i> |
| Employed | Varies on health of industry – recent numbers tbd – <i>(note trade jobs specific to the industry often classified under construction so determining numbers is challenging)</i> |
| Activity | Film and TV; BC Arts and Culture |
| COVID-19 | Significant impact with widespread venue closures and production cessation |

Economic Impacts

- **\$20.6 M** estimated impact of COVID-19 on the Greater Vancouver Theatre Industry ~ *(GVPTA Survey Update, 7-APR-2020)*
- **24%** or **-316** businesses temporarily closed
- 45 Film and TV Productions shut down overnight.
- 12,000 City of Vancouver film production workers are currently unemployed
- BC Gaming has zero income and have laid off 95% - 97% of employees [~10,000 people] – *COVID-19 Cabinet Meeting, 7-APR-20202*

Primary Asks to Government and Government Response

- To review the requirement for 30% reduction in revenue to receive wage subsidy, the production sector has unique corporate structures and ownerships that they often cannot show the 30% in reduction revenues
- For clarification if film and entertainment workers qualify for EI and CERB assistance
- Note Federal government has provided Heritage Canada with \$500 M to support artists and creators.

Innovations and Recovery Planning

- VEC is leading recovery and mitigation planning discussions across major production Cities in Canada to initially have a proposed set of recommendations for Municipalities
- NETFLIX has increased global emergency relief to \$150 M to ensure all contracted workers will get paid through April, and employ a significant number of people in BC
- Volcanic has secured \$10,000 in a partnership with TELUS for a nationwide, online esports league for high school students
- Vancouver White Caps have secured deal with major cable networks to showcase FIFA esports

Finance and Insurance

Sector Profile

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|------------------------|---|
| Strategic Forum | No Vancouver / BC single forum identified |
| GDP | \$45,766.7M (2019 Contribution to Vancouver CMA GDP, Conference Board of Canada, Vancouver CMA GDP Calculation. Note: CBOC Includes Finance, Insurance and Real Estate as one category. |
| Employed | ~ 112,800 employed [includes Real Estate Rental and Leasing] Lower Mainland SW, (Statistics Canada March 2020 Employment by Industry) |
| Activity | Finance, Insurance and related business |
| COVID-19 | Finance sector is a relatively healthy sector as many individuals and businesses relying on credit. |

Economic Impacts

- 12% or ~214 finance and insurances businesses temporarily closed
- Comparing Q1 year-over-year there is a ~45% decrease in FDI in Canada for 2020 – Wavteq, Impact of COVID-19 in Canada on FDI and Trade Roundtable Webinar, 15-APR-2020
- 3.8% of jobs lost since February 2020 in the finance, insurance, real estate, rental and leasing sector in Vancouver CMA – Statistics Canada,

Primary Asks to Government and Government Response

- VEC continuing to reach out to the Finance and Insurance Industry to better understand priority asks

Innovations and Recovery Planning

- AllState Insurance Co. of Canada, together with subsidiaries of Pembridge Insurance Co. and Pafco Insurance Co., announced a “stay at home payment” of more than \$30 M to help all their personal auto insurance customers
- The Bank of Canada expanded its new bond-buying program, announcing a plan to buy back \$50 B of provincially owned bonds
- ICBC will waive cancellation and re-plating fees for both individuals and businesses who want to suspend their insurance while restrictions are telling everyone to stay close to home.

Manufacturing, Supply Chain and Wholesale

Sector Profile

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| Strategic Forum | BC Open Source COVID-19 Medical Supplies COVID Supply Chain Working Group |
| GDP | \$10.8 B Metro Vancouver (<i>Conference Board of Canada, January 2019</i>) \$10,678.9M (2019 Contribution to Vancouver CMA GDP, <i>Conference Board of Canada, Vancouver CMA GDP Calculation. Note: CBOC rate for only Manufacturing.</i>) \$6,102.2 M (2019 Contribution to Vancouver CMA GDP, <i>Conference Board of Canada, Vancouver CMA GDP Calculation. Note: CBOC rate for only Wholesale</i>) |
| Employed | ~ 97,500 Manufacturing employed [only Manufacturing] ~ 232,000 Wholesale employed [includes Retail] <i>Lower Mainland SW, Statistics Canada March 2020 Employment by Industry</i> |
| Activity | Manufacturing; supply chain; wholesale |
| COVID-19 | Medium Impact – varies depending on type of supplies and current demand |

Economic Impacts

- 24% or ~3,477 businesses temp closed, includes Manufacturing, Supply Chain and Wholesale
- Vancouver CMA jobs comparing March 2020 to Feb 2020
 - 0.3% increase in manufacturing sector jobs since February 2020
 - 3.3 % decrease in wholesale and retail sector jobs (*Statistics Canada, Employment by industry, unadjusted for seasonality*)
 - Member businesses report 5 – 13% absenteeism due to COVID-19 – *Canadian Association of Food Manufacturers, 16-APR-2020*

Primary Asks to Government and Government Response

Asks to Provincial government:

- Ensure that the process for obtaining priority PPE items is streamlined and protocols are developed for who can access these materials

Asks to City of Vancouver:

- For current and forecasted demand of PPE, as manufacturers are considering ramping up supply or retooling their facilities

Innovations and Recovery Planning

- Novo Textiles is poised to become the first manufacturer of N95 respirators in Canada. Surgical Mask production began April 7th and respirator masks will begin within two weeks.
- [Vancouver Apparel Companies Outfit Frontline Workers](#)

Real Estate and Construction

Sector Profile

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| Strategic Forum | BC Council of Construction Associations COVID-19 Cabinet |
| GDP | Construction – Circa \$12.2 B Real Estate – TBC CBOC rate for contribution to Vancouver CMA GDP, included in Finance and Insurance. |
| Employed | ~ 120,400 Construction employed and ~ 112,800 Real Estate employed [includes Finance and Insurance] <i>Lower Mainland SW, Statistics Canada March 2020 Employment by Industry</i> |
| Activity | Real estate; construction; housing |
| COVID-19 | Significant slowdown in construction, still activity with social distancing Real estate numbers, when released May 1 st , expected to be at stand-still. |

Economic Impacts

- 7.5% or ~1795 businesses temporary closed, construction and real estate
- A decrease in immigration means a potential decrease in rental housing market prices– *CIBC Economics, 14-APR-2020*
- The value of building permits issued by BC municipalities fell 26.8% in March 2020 compared to March 2019 – *Ministry of JEDC, 16-APR-2020*
- 3.1% of jobs have been lost since February 2020 in the construction sector; and a 1.1% loss compared to March 2019.
- A loss of 3.8% in the finance, insurance, real estate, rental and leasing sector, 2.3% increase since March 2019 in Vancouver CMA
Statistics Canada, Table 14-10-0097-01, Employment by industry

Primary Asks to Government and Government Response

Asks to Federal government:

- Change the National Model Energy Code in Buildings and National Building Code to ensure Canada meets its Paris Agreement commitments, effective economic supports, and that new building and low-carbon transitions are a driving force for the rehabilitation of the Canadian construction sector
- Lift the conditions for municipal infrastructure funding, increasing the money flow immediately

Asks to Provincial government:

- For continued compliance site inspections for safe COVID-19 practices

Ask to Provincial and City of Vancouver government:

- For the creation of mandatory COVID-19 Awareness Training to ensure consistency with safety guidelines

Innovations and Recovery Planning

- Independent Contractors Association of BC has now brought all their courses online

Retail (large)

Sector Profile

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|------------------------|--|
| Strategic Forum | Retail Council of Canada Conference Calls |
| GDP | \$7,627.8 (2019 Contribution to Vancouver CMA GDP, <i>Conference Board of Canada, Vancouver CMA GDP Calculation. Note: CBOC classifies as Retail Trade</i>) |
| Employed | ~ 232,000 employed [includes Wholesale] (Lower Mainland SW, Statistics Canada March 2020 Employment by Industry) |
| Activity | Large retail and related organisations |
| COVID-19 | Operational impact to account for social distancing and store closures. Revenue impacts due to reduced sales |

Economic Impacts

- 30% or ~1,280 businesses temporarily closed – (*City of Vancouver's Business Licence Database (pulled March 2020) and BC Chamber of Commerce COVID-19 Business Impact Survey 2020, 8-APR-2020*)
- 3.3% of jobs have been lost since February 2020 in the wholesale and retail trade sector in Vancouver CMA – *Statistics Canada*
- Foot traffic on Robson Street down 89% compared to the last week of March (*Ministry of JEDC, 16-APR-2020*)

Primary Asks to Government and Government Response

Ask to all levels of government

- As social distancing regulations are lifted, to ensure businesses begin to thrive, continue aid programming through 2020 and into 2021

Ask to the Federal government:

- To ensure loans for large enterprises are also guaranteed and interest-free

Ask to Federal and Provincial government:

- For secure supply chains across Canada for domestic transportation of goods

Innovations and Recovery Planning

- Innovative Fitness has seen 40% of it's 6,000 clients shift to virtual personal training services – (*Ministry of JEDC, 16-APR-2020*)

Tech Industry

Sector Profile

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| Strategic Forum | Tech Industry COVID-19 Taskforce |
| GDP | \$12,204.5 M (2019 Contribution to Vancouver CMA GDP, Conference Board of Canada, Vancouver CMA GDP Calculation. Note: CBOC classifies this as Professional, Scientific and Technical Services) |
| Employed | ~ 152,700 employed [includes Profession, Scientific and Technical services] (Lower Mainland SW, Statistics Canada March 2020 Employment by Industry) |
| Activity | Businesses involved in the manufacturing of electronics, creation of software, computers or products and services relating to information technology, and clean technologies |
| COVID-19 | Impact to be determined – Many businesses in this sector have not been as dramatically impacted relative to other sectors of the economy |

Economic Impacts

- **40% or ~16,600** Canadian tech CEOs have already laid off employees since the beginning of the pandemic – *Canadian ICT Sector Profile 2018*, and *CCI CEO Survey on Wage Subsidy Eligibility*
- **82% or ~ 41,500** of Canadian tech CEOs are planning layoff for the coming week *Canadian ICT Sector Profile 2018*, and *CCI CEO Survey on Wage Subsidy Eligibility*
- 1.0% of jobs have been lost since February 2020 in the professional, scientific and technical sector in Vancouver CMA – *Statistics Canada, Table 14-10-0097-01, unadjusted for seasonality*

Primary Asks to Government and Government Response

Ask to Federal Government

- To broaden the scope of eligibility for the Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy to include high-growth firms, software-as-a-service firms, firms whose revenue is seasonal/project based and pre-revenue firms that are heavily invested in R&D

Note: Federal Government has funded \$270 M to Futurepreneur and Industrial Research Assistance Program to support innovators and early stage innovation firms

Innovations and Recovery Planning

- Products made by Vancouver's STEMCELL Technologies are now being used in over 30 COVID-19 studies worldwide
- Approvation has been commissioned by the Ministry of Health and the Provincial Health Officer to support BC's new single-site staffing initiative

Tourism and Recreation

Sector Profile

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|------------------------|---|
| Strategic Forum | Tourism Response and Recovery Taskforce |
| GDP | \$1,525.6M (2019 Contribution to Vancouver CMA GDP, Conference Board of Canada, Vancouver CMA GDP Calculation. Note: CBOC classifies as Arts, Entertainment and Recreation) |
| Employed | ~ 74,600 employed [includes Information, Culture and Recreation] Lower Mainland SW, Statistics Canada March 2020 Employment by Industry |
| Activity | Tourism; conferencing; event spaces; recreation and sporting organisations and centres |
| COVID-19 | Significant impact on tourism and recreation services with sector effectively at a standstill |

Economic Impacts

- Tourism has furloughed 74% of its staff for 13 weeks, to be reviewed at that time – *Tourism Vancouver, 8-APR-2020*
- The Vancouver Aquarium is facing permanent closure and are requesting government funding – *Ministry of JEDC, Ministry of JEDC, 16-APR-2020*
- 3.7% of jobs have been lost since February 2020 in the information, culture and recreation sector in Vancouver CMA – *Statistics Canada, Table 14-10-0097-01, Employment by industry, three-month moving average, unadjusted for seasonality, census metropolitan areas (x 1,000)*
- The Port of Vancouver has canceled 8 homeported vessels for the 2020 season – *Tourism Vancouver, 15-APR-2020*

Primary Asks to Government and Government Response

Ask to Federal government:

- GST/HST Relief waiver for the first quarter of 2020 to relief financial stress for businesses.
- \$10 B loan to increase liquidity across all areas of tourism including hospitality and restaurants

Innovations and Recovery Planning

- Tourism Vancouver is convening a high-level group of global tourism leaders to collectively define the “New Normal in Tourism” and work together during the recovery phase

Transportation and Warehousing

Sector Profile

| | |
|------------------------|---|
| Strategic Forum | No specific local sector-wide forum identified |
| GDP | \$10,678.9M 2019 Contribution to Vancouver CMA GDP, Conference Board of Canada, Vancouver CMA GDP Calculation |
| Employed | ~ 80,000 employed, (Lower Mainland SW, Statistics Canada March 2020 Employment by Industry) |
| Activity | Transportation; warehousing and storage; Postal service |
| COVID-19 | Significant lay-offs and supply chain disruption |

Economic Impacts

Economic impact metrics under development

- 6.2% of jobs have been lost since February 2020 in the transportation and warehousing sector in (Vancouver CMA – Statistics Canada)
- BC Ferries traffic on major routes is down 92% over the long weekend compared to last year, 14,633 passengers compared to 173,284 passengers – CBC, 13-APR-2020

Primary Asks to Government and Government Response

- A stimulus package to 119 transit operators for lost revenue from public transit fare, valued at approximately \$400 M, letter submitted to Federal Minister of Transportation
- Ask to Federal and Provincial government:
- Translink is seeking emergency relief funding of around \$250 M to offset the costs incurred for providing essential transit services, currently they are losing \$75 M monthly

Innovations and Recovery Planning

Other Sectors (Healthcare, Utilities & Primaries)

Sector Profile

| | |
|------------------------|---|
| Strategic Forum | No local sector-wide forums identified |
| GDP | <p>\$9,153.33M for Healthcare, \$6,102.2M for Utilities & Primaries</p> <p><i>Contribution to Vancouver CMA GDP, Conference Board of Canada, Vancouver CMA GDP Calculation. Note: CBOC classifies this as Primaries and Utilities</i></p> |
| Employed | <p>~ 9,900 employed for Utilities, ~ 5,200 for resources, ~ 156,800 for Healthcare</p> <p><i>Lower Mainland SW, Statistics Canada March 2020 Employment by Industry</i></p> |
| Activity | <p>Healthcare and Social Assistance:</p> <p>Utilities & Primaries: Electric power; natural gas; water, sewage and other systems, Forestry, fishing, mining, quarrying, oil and gas</p> |
| COVID-19 | Impact to be determined |

Economic Impacts

- 2% increase in forestry, fishing, mining, quarrying, oil and gas jobs since February 2020 - note this is not a reflection of seasonality
(Vancouver CMA - Statistics Canada)
- Jobs have increased by 13.8% since February 2020 in the utilities sector in Vancouver CMA – Statistics Canada but this is unadjusted and does not reflect the difference of March 2019 to March 2020
- Jobs have decreased by 2.0% since February 2020 in the healthcare and social assistance sector in Vancouver CMA Statistics Canada but this is unadjusted and does not reflect the difference of March 2019 to March 2020

Primary Asks to Government and Government Response

- \$750 M Emission Reduction Fund will be used for pollution caused by methane in the resources sector, including \$75 M to focus on offshore oil companies

Innovations and Recovery Planning

- Federal government is investing \$1.7 B to clean up orphan wells in Saskatchewan, Alberta and BC to help increase employment and increase cash flow for companies

4. Priority Cross-Sectoral Organizations

First Nations / Urban Indigenous Groups

Sector is under review.

Small Medium Enterprises and BIAs

Sector Profile

| | |
|------------------------|---|
| Strategic Forum | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Small Business COVID-19 Economic Taskforce (TORs under review with industry) 2. BIA Partnership |
| GDP | 34% of GDP in BC, <i>Ministry of Jobs, Trade and Technology, 2019 Small Business Profile</i> |
| Employed | ~ 1,090,700 employed in BC small business in 2018, <i>Ministry of Jobs, Trade and Technology, 2019 Small Business Profile</i> |
| Activity | Small (5 – 49) & Medium (50 – 199) businesses and Business Improvement Areas |
| COVID-19 | High Impact – Business closures, significant impact to operations, lay-offs, financial crisis. |

Economic Impacts

Canadian Federation of Independent Business Survey of 9,718 businesses across Canada, April 3 – 6, 2020, findings of businesses surveyed included:

- 52% are partially open and 23% are fully closed
- 20% had gross sales revenue decrease by 50% and 19% of businesses declined by 99%
- 78% of businesses surveyed are concerned about cash flow and 40% are concerned about closing
- 31% of businesses do not think Provincial governments are doing enough

Primary Asks to Government and Government Response

Ask to Federal Government

- Commercial rent relief that is given directly to landlords

Asks to City of Vancouver:

- To create a moratorium on evictions for non-profit organizations and SMEs.
- For a tax deferral until the end of 2020 or forgiveness altogether

926 M from the Federal government for regional development agencies and Communities Futures network for small businesses who do not qualify for CEBA

Innovations and Recovery Planning

- Small Business BC launched a COVID-19 Support Service on their website with a call line to address inquiries, Monday – Friday from 8:00 AM – 6:00 PM and Saturday 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Non-Profit Organizations

Sector Profile

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|------------------------|---|
| Strategic Forum | DTES COVID-19 Group |
| GDP | To be confirmed |
| Employed | To be confirmed |
| Activity | Not For Profit orgs in social service sector, centred in DTES |
| COVID-19 | Impact to be determined |

Economic Impacts

- 15 DTES organizations temp / perm closed
- Need to produce 3000 meals per day for DTES residents isolating; 1400 currently being produced by Potluck Café

Primary Asks to Government and Response

Ask to all levels of government:

- Assist in securing food supply for DTES food prep. Community-led food effort is facing decreasing access to supplies as global supply chains falter

Ask to Provincial government:

- Match City of Vancouver funds for food prep and distribution effort

Ask to City of Vancouver:

- Direct additional VPD resources to DTES for support first, then enforcement
- Provide women-only washrooms in the DTES with security personnel

Innovations and Recovery Planning

- Vancity is helping to spread out cashing of cheques for income assistance 'cheque day' next week, and vendors are helping to connect people to Vancity to sign up for accounts at Pigeon Park Savings to receive direct deposit
- Vantage Point issued a survey for non-profits to determine impacts and needs, the results will be shared with the City and VEC
- Vancouver Community Network is available for anyone to use to broadcast information to over 2,000 registered DES residents and other organizations

5. Appendices

APPENDIX A – FEDERAL AND PROVINCIAL SUPPORT

FEDERAL

| Support | Description | Link |
|---|--|----------------------|
| TFW Funding | \$50 M for businesses hiring TFWs who are required to quarantine | Link |
| CEWS | \$73 B legislation passed for CEWS 75% wage subsidy | Link |
| Northern Communities | \$130 M for vulnerable northern communities | Link |
| Emergency Aid Benefits | ~ 6 M people have applied for COVID-19 aid benefits in the past month | Link |
| Contraventions Act | Increased flexibility for law enforcement agencies to ticket individuals who do not comply with the Quarantine Act | Link |
| Essential Workers Salaries' | Working with provinces to cost share a temporary top up of salaries for essential workers making less than \$2500/month | Link |
| Additional Support for Canadian Businesses | Expanded eligibility for Canada Emergency Business Account and Commercial Rent Assistance | Link |
| Employment in the Resource Sector | Efforts to maintain ~ 10,000 jobs in the resource sector through \$1.7 B to clean orphan wells and \$750 M Emission Reduction Fund | Link |
| Small Business Support | 926M for regional development agencies and Communities Futures network for small businesses who do not qualify for CEBA | Link |
| Innovator Support | \$270 M to Futurepreneur and Industrial Research Assistance Program to support innovators and early stage innovation firms | Link |
| Heritage Canada | Has received \$500 M to support artists and creators | Link |

PROVINCIAL

| Support | Description | Link |
|---|---|----------------------|
| Rental Income Support | Renters with lost income can apply for temporary rental supplement between \$300 - \$500 | Link |
| Self-Isolation Regulation | Those who refuse mandatory self-isolation when returning from travel can receive \$750,000 in fines or 6 months in jail | Link |
| Children with Special Needs | Parents of children with special needs can apply for emergency funding of \$225/month for the next 3 months | Link |
| Showcase BC | Micro-grants of \$2,000 for artists who preform on new online hub | Link |
| State of Emergency | Extension of State of Emergency until April 28 th | Link |
| Support for Businesses & Local Governments | New COVID-19 Supports for businesses and local governments from the Provincial government | Link |
| Small Business Support | Small Business BC has partnered with Provincial and Federal government to create a one stop resources for SMEs | Link |

MUNICIPAL

| Support | Description | Link |
|-----------------|--|----------------------|
| Furlough | City of Vancouver moved exempt staff to 1 unpaid furlough day each 2 weeks | Link |

APPENDIX B – INDUSTRY STRATEGIC FORUMS FOCUSED OF ECONOMIC IMPACTS AND RECOVERY (COVID-19)

| Forum | Lead Organisation | High-level mandate | Membership |
|---|---|---|--|
| Established | | | |
| BC Open Source COVID-19 Medical Supplies | Consortium of Medical Supply Stakeholders | A primary contact for BC Hardware Engineering and Manufacturing community to communicate with Canadian and US counterparts, governments, local hospitals and Tier 1 medical device manufacturers. | 300+ businesses |
| Building Operators and Managers Association of Canada COVID-19 Taskforce | BOMA Canada | Established to share information and create efficient channels to work towards a coordinated industry response. | BOMA Canada Members |
| Canadian Film & TV Industry Taskforce | CMPTA | Provincial and Municipal representatives and National Funding Agencies. Sharing intelligence and briefing Federal Minister | 50+ orgs from across Canada |
| Consider Canada Cities Alliance | CCCA | Top Canadian City EDOs working with the Minister of Small Business on Recovery Plan | Peers at Vancouver, Calgary, Edmonton, Saskatoon, Winnipeg, Ottawa, Toronto, Hamilton, Waterloo, Montreal, Quebec, Halifax |
| COVID-19 Cabinet | GVBOT, BCBC, BC Chamber | Advocate to all levels of government; Procurement and supply chain needs; Public safety while keeping the economy going | Founding members are BCBC, GVBOT and BC Chamber of Commerce (33 members in total as at March 20) |
| COVID-19 National Think Tank | EY | National Think Tank to engage thought leaders and Municipalities specific to COVID-19 mitigations and recovery plans | Canadian Municipalities and Canadian Thought Leaders – TBC |
| COVID Supply Chain Working Group | Canadian Manufacturers and Exporters | Identify key shortages and inventory for the health care industry and external industries | Various levels of government and industry associations |

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| Vancouver Film, TV, Animation and VFX Taskforce | MPPIA & CrBC | Impacts, mitigations and recovery plans across Vancouver's Creative industries | Creative BC, VEC, MMPIA. |
| Tourism Response and Recovery Task Force | Tourism Vancouver | Response and Recovery Task Force for Metro Vancouver's Tourism & Hospitality Industry | |
| Small Medium Businesses and BIAs | BIA Partnership | Coordinate asks to government and recovery plans among Vancouver BIAs | 22 BIAs |
| Marine Ferries | Transport Canada | Daily phone call to act to triage. | Canadian Ferries Association, Seaspan, ...others |
| Vancouver Pathfinders | VEC / NRC | Data sharing platform form cleantech companies. | 15 members |
| Regional Economic Prosperity Advisory Committee | Metro Vancouver | Metro municipal Ec Dev leaders focused on data collection/analysis and metro wide targeted high impact investment strategies | Metro municipality Ec Dev Leaders |
| Tech Industry COVID-19 Taskforce | UBC/VEC | Bi-weekly meetings to share info on impact on the tech sector and development of mitigation and recovery strategies. | VEC, UBC, Innovate BC, BC Tech, SFU and Digital Supercluster |

Other economy focused forums under development / consideration include:

1. BC Economic Recovery Task Force (Established)
2. City of Vancouver COVID-19 Advisory forum (*TORs and membership under review*)
3. Creative Economy (*TORs and membership under review*)
4. First Nations/Urban Indigenous Groups
5. Small Business COVID-19 Economic Taskforce (*TORs under review with industry members*)
6. Green Friends (looking to advocate for positive climate-friendly policy)

APPENDIX C - LEADING PRACTICES

| Task Forces | | | |
|--|--|--|--|
| Seattle: Small Business Recovery Task Force | Toronto: Mayor's Economic Support Recovery Task Force | Singapore: Tourism Recovery Action Task Force | London: Tourism Industry Emergency Response Group |
| Portland: Economic Impact & Intervention Task Force | San Francisco: Economic Recovery Task Force | Cleveland: Greater Cleveland Partnership | |

| Links to City COVID-19 Response Pages | | | | |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------|
| Seoul | Minneapolis | Hong Kong | Los Angeles | New York |
| London | Seattle | San Francisco | Singapore | Paris |
| Chicago | Sydney | Madrid | Cleveland | |

Business Support

- **Seoul:** Created a specific loan targeted at social enterprises and cooperatives, at a lower rate of 0.5%. They have also created consultation centres at 564 bank branches to help businesses access funding.
- **Hong Kong:** Their Home Affairs Department fund has HKD \$40 M in subsidies for commercial and industrial buildings, which should benefit 30% of buildings
- **Cleveland:** Has created an Office of Small Business Relief to identify and provide relief for small businesses, and currently has USD \$3 M in funding
- **Paris:** Offering businesses deferral on social security contributions, remission of direct taxes, deferral on rent payments and associated expenses, and loans to help cover payroll

Employee/Resident Support

- **Chicago:** Uber and Lyft have been donated USD \$20,000 to provide free rides to those fleeing from domestic violence
- **Los Angeles:** Essential health care workers (professional and non-professional) are receiving \$100 per shift to help pay for childcare. Additionally, the City is opening recreation centres to provide free childcare for essential workers with children ages 6 - 14

Other Support

- **Malaysia:** Has begun to formulate a recovery plan that targets on financial aspects of recovery, social safety nets, food security and education