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Good afternoon Mayor and Council,

Below is a selection of announcements and activities from across Canada that have been added to the attached Government Responses to COVID-19 tracker since Tuesday, June 23rd.

Federal Updates

- The federal government launched a new [program](#) today aimed at encouraging students to volunteer in the fight against COVID-19 — more than two months after first announcing it, and just in time for those who haven't been able to find a summer job. Post-secondary students will be eligible to earn up to \$5,000 this summer through a new volunteer service grant.

Provincial Updates

- [New provincial legislation](#) in **British Columbia** confirms supports for people and businesses, while responding to the fiscal impacts of COVID-19 by allowing government to run deficit budgets.
 - The amendments introduced authorize deficit budgets for the next three years, while the Province supports economic recovery from COVID-19.
- **British Columbians** are taking the next step in BC's Restart Plan with a gradual transition to [Phase 3](#), including the safe and respectful return of travel and tourism within the province. British Columbians who wish to travel within B.C. this summer are advised to plan ahead and be respectful while visiting communities, especially smaller and rural towns. The provincial health officer has laid out travel guidelines for everyone travelling to and within B.C.:
 - pre-trip planning and research on available resources at arriving destination;
 - respecting any local travel advisories to isolated and remote communities;
 - no travelling for anyone who is sick, and if symptoms develop while travelling – self isolate immediately and contact 811 for guidance and testing;
 - practicing safe physical distancing of two metres at all times;
 - spending time in small groups and open spaces; and
 - practicing good hygiene, including frequent handwashing and cleaning.
- As BC moves forward with BC's Restart Plan, the ban on evictions for reasons other than late payment or non-payment of rent has now been lifted. The following [tenancy laws](#) are resuming:
 - A landlord can now issue a Notice to End Tenancy for any reason (other than unpaid or late payment rent).

- Landlords with existing orders for eviction can take them to the courts beginning July 2, 2020, for enforcement and can enforce a writ order effective immediately.
- Landlords can enter a rental suite with 24-hour notice and do not need the tenant's consent. They are expected to follow health guidelines like physical distancing, cleaning and wearing masks when appropriate.
- The change also allows for personal service of documents to resume.

- The **Province of B.C.** is [accepting applications](#) from local governments, community groups and First Nations for nearly \$160 million in infrastructure grants to help strengthen communities throughout British Columbia.
- Several [key measures](#) introduced by the **Manitoba** government to reduce costs for citizens and businesses will come into effect July 1.

Municipal Updates

- **Halifax** regional council members have voted to freeze their wages until November 2021.
- **Saskatoon** councillors have approved a [\\$35.5M spending plan](#) for provincial COVID-19 funding.
 - Money will free up \$15 million to be used for budget shortfall.
- **Vancouver** council has voted to allow [drinking at some public places](#).
- **Vancouver's Playland** is reopening July 10, with the drive-thru fair at the PNE running until late August.

Other Stories of Interest

- The **four Atlantic provinces** have agreed to open their borders to each other on July 3, the Council of Atlantic Premiers announced Wednesday in a news release. The agreement means travellers within Newfoundland and Labrador, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island will not be required to self-isolate after crossing the borders.
- As cities continue responding to the COVID-19 pandemic, the **Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM)** released a new [guide](#) to help them effectively modify urban streets to support safe commuting, commerce and exercise.
- A new [survey](#) by the **Mental Health Commission of Canada** has found that employment status and income are key factors impacting mental health of Canadians during COVID-19.
- Restrictions at the **Yukon and B.C. border** will ease for B.C. residents to visit Yukon starting July 1, the start of the second phase of Yukon's COVID-19 recovery plan. Residents of the N.W.T. and Nunavut would also be allowed entry to Yukon, as long as they travelled directly to the territory through either the N.W.T., B.C. or by flying from Nunavut.

Confirmed COVID-19 cases in Canada by Province and Territory (as of June 25, 3:30 pm)

Province or Territory	Cases	Deaths
Alberta	7,825	153
British Columbia	2,869	173
Manitoba	316	7
New Brunswick	165	2
Newfoundland and Labrador	261	3
Nova Scotia	1,061	63
Ontario	34,205	2,679
Prince Edward Island	27	0
Quebec	55,079	5,448
Saskatchewan	759	13
Northwest Territories	5	0
Nunavut	0	0

Please see attached for the full tracking document. As always, the most recent news items found at the top of each cell in blue font.

Best,
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