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Subject: Federal & Provincial COVID Update

Greetings Mayor and Council,

Below is a summary of recent Federal and Provincial COVID updates –

Canada:

- The federal government's new COVID Alert app doesn't offer 100 per cent privacy and could allow some who test positive for the coronavirus to be identified, particularly those who live in small communities or who don't interact with many people. The government employees who developed it say, in a blog, that they wanted to describe the app's handling of information as "anonymous," but the Federal Privacy Commissioner disagreed, stating that although there is very low risk, there is still a small chance that people could be identified.
- The federal government has carved out \$3.3 B in ICIP funding to help communities with pandemic infrastructure projects. This adjustment provides opportunity for federal funding of pandemic-related projects that would not be covered under previous rules. Changes to the program will make it easier for projects such as making schools and long-term care facilities safer to qualify for funding, McKenna said. New rules will also fund projects such as creating new bike and walking lanes so people can get out to exercise and enjoy nature. The money will come from existing funds.
- Survey results released on Tuesday from the non-profit Angus Reid Institute found half of Canadians say they have no reservations and are ready to get a COVID-19 vaccination as soon as it's available. But 32 per cent — roughly one-third of respondents — say they'd likely wait a while. Another 14 per cent don't want to get a vaccine at all. The findings were based on a survey conducted between July 23 and 24 among a representative randomized sample of 1,519 Canadian adults who are members of Angus Reid Forum, an online panel.
- Health Canada is recalling more than 50 hand sanitizers that contain ingredients "not acceptable for use" that may pose health risks.

Health update:

Canada has 118,174 confirmed and presumptive coronavirus cases and 9,001 deaths.

Quebec:

A study of recent blood donors suggests three times as many Quebecers could have been infected with the novel coronavirus than is reflected in the official numbers.

The study, conducted by Héma-Québec in collaboration with the Institut national de santé publique, confirmed that 2.23 per cent of 7,691 people who donated blood between May 25 and July 9 had contracted COVID-19.

The study extrapolates that 124,880 Quebecers aged 18 to 69 had been infected between the start of the

pandemic and early July. In the same time period, the study notes that Quebec's Health Ministry had recorded fewer than 40,000 Quebecers ages 20 to 69 as confirmed cases.

British Columbia:

- The Province and City of Vancouver are partnering to launch B.C.'s first-ever "navigation" centre to help people who are experiencing long-term homelessness and require supports. BC Housing has issued a request for proposals (RFP) to encourage experienced and eligible non-profit partners to apply for the role of operating the centre, which will provide additional levels of support not offered in many traditional shelters. The 60-bed centre will be referral only and provide integrated clinical health supports, as well as culturally appropriate services for Indigenous peoples.

BC Housing and the City of Vancouver have been working with Vancouver Coastal Health and Kilala Lelum, an Indigenous health centre, to plan the specific health services that will be available at the site. Residents referred to the navigation centre will be able to stay until longer-term housing is secured. This enhanced shelter model has not been previously implemented in Canada in this way, but is being used successfully in cities elsewhere, including San Francisco.

A location for the navigation centre is TBD, with operations expected to commence by spring 2021.

- The B.C. government is calling on the federal government to share the identities and contact information of airline passengers who may have been exposed to COVID-19. B.C.'s minister of transportation says the passenger data the province currently receives from federal transportation authorities is not necessarily complete and is sometimes unusable. Minister Claire Trevena says that instead of the full name and contact information of the airline passenger in question, the data often only includes the name of a travel agency or another individual who booked the ticket. Sometimes only a frequent flyer is listed, Trevena says.

A spokesperson for the federal transport ministry said Garneau and Trevena would be speaking later Thursday afternoon about the province's concerns.

Health update:

- 47 new cases, including one epi-linked case, for a total of 3,834 cases in British Columbia.
- 351 active cases of COVID-19 in the province
- 3,288 people who tested positive have recovered.
- Nine individuals are currently hospitalized with COVID-19, six of whom are in intensive care.

- In total, there have been 1,132 cases of COVID-19 in the Vancouver Coastal Health region, 2,015 in the Fraser Health region, 146 in the Island Health region, 384 in the Interior Health region, 91 in the Northern Health region and 66 cases of people who reside outside of Canada.

Best,
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