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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 this week, along with COVID-19 Weekly Headlines.

Federal Updates:

- Announced that [Safe Restart Agreement](#) funding will begin to be transferred to provinces and territories, and published copies of Safe Restart Agreement response letters outlining how premiers intend to spend the funding in their provinces.
- Announced \$13.9 Million in Funding for New [Voluntary Self-Isolation Centre](#) in Toronto.
 - The funding will rollout over 12 months for Toronto Public Health to establish a voluntary self-isolation centre. The centre will have approximately 140 rooms to provide a safe venue for voluntary self-isolation.

Provincial Updates:

- **Province of BC**
 - Announced their Stronger BC economic [recovery plan](#) with \$1.5 billion in economic recovery spending measures.
 - Premier Horgan's Safe Restart Agreement [response letter](#) to the federal government was published outlining the amount of funding B.C. will receive and how it will be spent across the seven priority areas established by the Government of Canada.
 - TransLink, BC Transit and BC Ferries will [share](#) more than \$1 billion under the federal/provincial Safe Restart Agreement, cost-shared 50-50 by both governments.
 - Formally extended the [provincial state of emergency](#) through the end of the day on Sept. 29, 2020.
 - Temporary measures [extended](#) to support the restaurant and hospitality sector, including allowing expanded service areas, such as patios, and for the sale and delivery of unopened liquor products by food- and-liquor-primary licensees.
 - Dr. Bonnie Henry issued a [public health order](#) to increase the number of health professionals authorized to help people at risk for overdose access safer alternatives to the toxic street drug supply.
- The **Manitoba government** has expanded its [Back to Work in Manitoba Wage Subsidy Program](#) as part of its continued commitment to safely restarting the provincial economy, Premier Brian Pallister and Economic Development and Training Minister Ralph Eichler announced on September 14.
 - Through the Back to Work initiative, private-sector and non-profit employers can receive up to

Municipal Updates:

- ☐ **Vancouver City Council** approved adjustments to the remainder of the 2019-2022 capital plan which will see some large, multi-year projects scaled back or postponed to help ease the funding pressures created by the COVID-19 pandemic
- ☐ **Vancouver City Council** voted to extend its temporary patio program into the fall and winter.
- ☐ **Vancouver Park Board** announced Stanley Park will reopen seawall to cyclists and full vehicle access on Sept. 26.
- ☐ **City of Toronto** has [issued](#) their COVID-19 Housing and Homelessness Recovery Response Plan -- an urgent appeal to the federal and provincial governments to create 3,000 permanent, affordable homes, within the next 24 months, for homeless, vulnerable and marginalized residents
- ☐ The **City of Toronto** has announced plans to allow [portable heaters](#) to be placed in all outdoor patios, including CaféTO curb lane closures, to help keep outdoor dining spaces open longer and provide additional support for local restaurants.
- ☐ 25 mayors who make up the [Casino Host Municipalities Group](#) are asking the Government of Ontario to work with casinos on reopening plans.

Weekly Headlines:

- ☐ \$8M loss threatens to temporarily close [Science World](#).
- ☐ YVR plans to roll out pre-flight [COVID-19 testing](#) within weeks.
- ☐ Survey shows that 1 in 3 Canadian [women](#) have considered quitting their jobs so their children can attend school virtually.

Confirmed COVID-19 cases in Canada by Province and Territory

		Friday (1 week)		last Friday (1 week)
Alberta	16,381	966	255	2
British Columbia	7,842	880	223	10
Manitoba	1,540	147	16	0
New Brunswick	194	3	2	0
Newfoundland and Labrador	272	2	3	0
Nova Scotia	1,086	0	65	0
Ontario	44,068	2,009	2,865	10
Prince Edward Island	57	2	0	0
Quebec	66,653	2,190	5,792	18
Saskatchewan	1,776	88	24	0
Northwest Territories	5	0	0	0
Nunavut	0	0	0	0
Yukon	15	0	0	0

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

Best,
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The City of Vancouver acknowledges that it is situated on the unceded traditional territories of the Musqueam, Squamish, and Tsleil-Waututh peoples.

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