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**From:** Aaron, Sage PREM:EX  
**Sent:** March 18, 2020 6:37 PM  
**To:** LP PREM Directors; Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX; Smith, George PREM:EX; McKinnon, Michael PREM:EX  
**Subject:** FW: UPDATE: Communications Situation Report - Wednesday, March 18, 2020

**Importance:** High

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**From:** Turner, Jordan GCPE:EX  
**Sent:** March 18, 2020 6:26 PM  
**To:**  
**Subject:** UPDATE: Communications Situation Report - Wednesday, March 18, 2020  
**Importance:** High

**Apologies – Sent Yesterday’s report by accident... Please find correct report below.**

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Hi all,

Please find below the Communications Situation Report for Wednesday, March 18. Updates are in RED.

Also note that going forward, we will be only list the messaging created each day rather than having a 50 page email.

If you’d like to access our older messaging, we have built a master document and can share as needed.

Please also find attached our Provincial State of Emergency release from today.

Thanks,

Jordan Turner  
Joint Information Centre | COVID-19  
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## **Emergency Management BC Communications Sit Report Daily Summary**

**Date: March 18, 2020**

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**\*Please note, given the dynamic nature of a pandemic, the following information is subject to change after this report is distributed.**

### **Current B.C. Statistics**

- Number of confirmed cases in BC: 231 (45 new cases)
- Deaths: 7 (0 new)
- Recovered: 5

### **Updates in the last 24 hours:**

- Retail and agriculture partners – not shortage of food so don't buy more than you need. Leave electronic buying and ordering for those who need them.
- Clarifying that gatherings of 50 people don't include grocery or retail stores.
- Launched COVID-19 website today
- Publicly launching JIC with a dedicated media line

### **News conferences:**

#### **Prime Minister Trudeau (7:30 am)**

- Prime Minister and U.S. President have agreed that both countries will temporarily restrict all non-essential travel across the border.
- essential travel will continue to ensure supply chains in both countries.

#### *Measures to help workers and businesses*

- Measures to help Canadians “pay for rent and groceries, and help businesses continue to pay their employees and their bills”:
- temporarily boosting Canada Child Benefit payments.
- Emergency Care Benefit of up to \$900 bi-weekly for up to 15 weeks to provide income support to workers who must stay home and do not have access to paid sick leave
- Emergency Support Benefit for workers who are not eligible for EI
- special top-up payment under the Goods and Services Tax (GST) credit.
- Waive, for a minimum of six months, the mandatory one-week waiting period for EI sickness
- Waive the requirement for a medical certificate to access EI sickness benefits.

- Extend the tax filing deadline for individuals to June 1, and allow all taxpayers to defer, until after August 31, 2020, the payment of any income tax amounts that become owing
- 10 per cent wage subsidy for eligible small businesses
- increased flexibility to lenders to defer mortgage payments

*I targeted support for vulnerable groups:*

- Reduce minimum withdrawals from Registered Retirement Income Funds (RRIFs) by 25 per cent for 2020
- Implement a six-month, interest-free, moratorium on Canada Student Loan payments
- Provide \$305 million for a new distinctions-based Indigenous Community Support Fund,
- up to \$50 million to women's shelters and sexual assault centres to help with their capacity to manage or prevent an outbreak in their facilities.
- additional \$157.5 million to address the needs of Canadians experiencing homelessness

*Support for businesses*

- Allow all businesses to defer, until after August 31, 2020, the payment of any income tax amounts that become owing on or after today and before September 2020.
- Increase the credit available to small, medium, and large Canadian businesses.
- Further expand Export Development Canada's ability to provide support to domestic businesses.
- Provide flexibility on the Canada Account limit, to allow the Government to provide additional support to Canadian businesses, when deemed to be in the national interest, to deal with exceptional circumstances.
- Augment credit available to farmers and the agri-food sector through Farm Credit Canada.
- Launch an Insured Mortgage Purchase Program to purchase up to \$50 billion of insured mortgage pools through the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC).

**Vancouver Mayor press conference (12:00 pm)**

- State of Local Emergency declared
- some restaurants stayed open Tuesday despite orders to close because of #COVID19. All restaurants now ordered closed - only to provide takeout and delivery.
- Says action will be taken if hoarding doesn't stop
- Calling on the province to do immediately a number of specific things to help:
  - Testing frontline SRO workers
  - Funding to keep SROs clean
  - Ban evictions and help pay rents
  - Expand residential tax deferment program to cover more people
  - Expand property tax deferral program

**Minister Farnworth press conference (12:15 pm)**

- Declared a provincial state of emergency
- "This is all hands on deck...These are unprecedented times."

- Will ensure federal, provincial and local resources are delivered jointly – allows access of critical supply chains
- Working to resume legislature to resume business and key decisions on COVID-19
- Legislature will resume Monday with reduced members to make key decisions -- but under a quorum with only 12 MLAs present and a speaker (1 Speaker, 2 Liberals, 2 Greens, 7 NDP). Minimal staff and social distancing at legislature building and chamber.
- Reinforced public health measures – powers to enforce isolating exist but wants people to do the right thing
- Supply chains are in good shape. The province has been working with retail council to ensure products are there
- There's no place for price gouging or hoarding

## **STATEMENT**

### **Premier's statement on COVID-19 federal response**

VICTORIA - Premier John Horgan has released the following statement regarding the federal response to COVID-19:

"I welcome the news on the border measures announced today by the federal government. We need to limit non-essential travel over the U.S. border, while maintaining our supply chains, so people have access to essentials.

"As we know, more and more people are working contract-to-contract or are self employed in the gig economy. These workers also deserve direct support as they self-isolate or care for a family member or children. Therefore, I am pleased to see that federal government responded to our request for additional benefits for those who don't qualify for Employment Insurance.

"We will be conducting a full review of the of the federal package announced today, and we will work with our federal partners to advocate for higher benefits so people will be able to afford rent and essentials while staying home during this crisis.

"Our government is working on details of a B.C. plan. Our focus is on supporting services that protect the health and safety of people impacted by the COVID-19 virus. We will expand on the federal government's efforts to offer immediate relief for people and businesses, and build our longer-term plan for economic recovery in collaboration with the business community."

### **Dr. Henry Update (3pm)**

- 231 Cases (45 new)
- 1 is a resident of a new long-term care home in Vancouver coastal
- 13 are hospitalized – 7 in intensive care
- 5 recovered (means they've had 2 consecutive negative tests)
- No new deaths.
- Need Try and prevent as much of the spread as we can – protect those who are most likely to have severe illnesses
- Issued Orders around schools, pubs bars nightclubs, travel and mass gatherings – temporary but important right now
- Dealing today with things that happened 10 or 14 days ago. What we do today will help with what we must deal with in the next 10-14 days
- Legal orders are a measure of last resort – mostly asking people to take voluntary steps. Though voluntary, there's an expectation that we'll do what we need to do to proactively protect



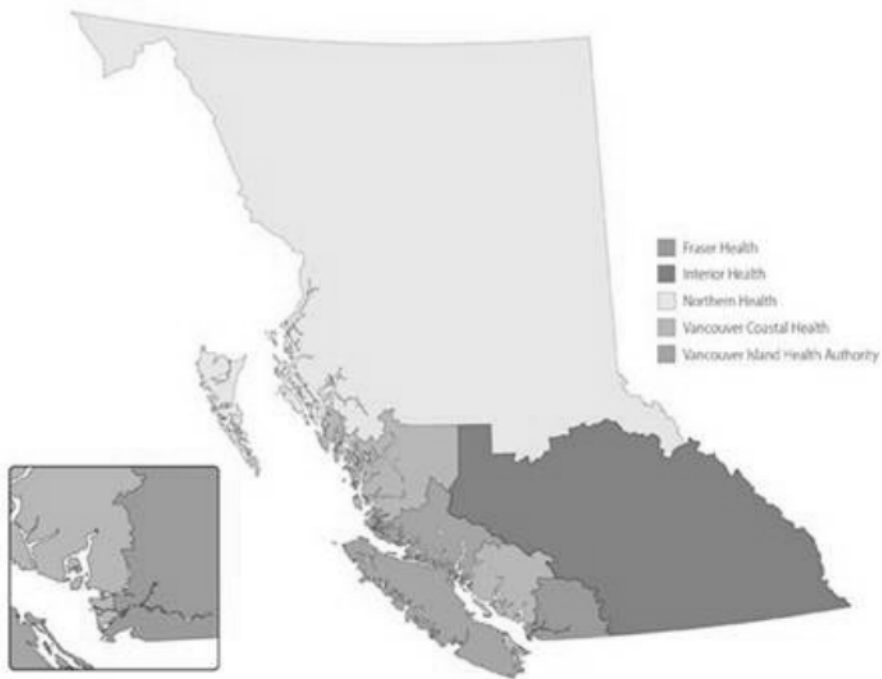
## Minister Dix

- 5 locations around the province doing the physical testing
- At least 17,000 estimated to have been tested –will have more precise numbers Friday
- Testing has become more strategic and have been doing more of it
- Need to keep particularly vulnerable people in mind – seniors, chronically ill, etc
- Must continue to be calm, safe and generous with one another
- Self assessment tool close to a million users now
- Blood supply – need for people to give blood
- 1-888 line answered 1807 calls answered yesterday
- 811 line is answering 3,000 to 4,000 calls a day
- Have asked that everyone take part in the efforts to stop the spread of COVID-19 – don't travel, self isolate, reduced gatherings, cancelled classes, closure of bars/ restaurants
- These are dramatic moves and thinks that the majority of British Columbians listening
- For those who don't – your neighbours and friends and families are counting on you to follow it. It's not too late to join the fight. It's time.

### Cases by Regional Health Authority:

Health Authority	Confirmed Cases	Deaths	Recovered Total
Vancouver Coastal Health	144	6	
Island Health	16		
Fraser Health	58	1	
Interior Health	9		
Northern Health	4		
Other			
<b>RECOVERED</b>			5

### Health Authority Map:



**Joint Information Centre (JIC) Coordination Call Occurred at 11 a.m. today. The following updates were provided:**

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**General Key Messages:**

**From this point onward, we will only be posting updated messaging that is produced each day. Please reach out directly if you need something specific that is not listed here.**

### **Provincial Declaration of Emergency**

- Keeping people safe and securing critical supply chains for food, goods, and medicine is our top priority during this crisis.
- That's why today the Province has declared a provincial state of emergency to support the provincewide response to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- This is an important measure to support our Provincial Health Officer and Minister of Health in swift and powerful response to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- We want to ensure that we have all powers and tools ready to go immediately if we need them.
- This gives us the tools to secure the critical supply chains to make sure people have access to essential goods and services, and that infrastructure necessary in a response is readily available.
- The state of emergency applies to the whole province and allows federal, provincial and local resources to be delivered in a coordinated effort.

### **Why did it take until March 17 to order a provincial state of emergency now?**

- We want to ensure that we have all powers and tools ready to go immediately if we need them.
- This is an important measure to support our Provincial Health Officer and Minister of Health in swift and powerful response to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- This gives us the tools to secure the critical supply chains to make sure people have access to essential goods and services, and that infrastructure necessary in a response is readily available.
- A state of emergency declaration will ensure that we continue to access essential supplies and provide, maintain and co-ordinate emergency medical, social supports and other essential services throughout British Columbia.

### **Was there any thought of issuing the order earlier?**

- All options have been on the table as we have been responding to this global pandemic.
- We've been working closely with BC's public health experts to ensure all our actions have been focused on the safety and well being of British Columbians.
- As you know, the situation has been evolving quickly and we've been implementing new measures daily.
- By announcing this new measure today, we can keep people safe and secure critical supply chains for food, goods and medicine.

### **What powers do you have under the Emergency Program Act?**

- Once a provincial emergency has been declared, the Province has the ability to undertake measures to manage emergencies to keep people safe.
- This includes mobilizing necessary resources, coordinating essential services for people, and other steps to support the ongoing response to COVID-19.
- With COVID-19, that also means maintaining the flow of supplies like food and goods by ensuring we support the supply chain and critical infrastructure.

#### **Why enact the EPA if Dr. Bonnie Henry already called a public health emergency?**

- The declaration of the provincial state of emergency complements the work of our Provincial Health Officer and Minister of Health in swift and powerful response to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- The EPA allows the government to secure the critical supply chains to make sure people have access to essential goods and services, and that infrastructure necessary in a response is readily available.

#### **What does a provincial declaration do?**

- A provincial declaration of a state of emergency allows the Province to implement any provincial emergency measures and allows access to all assets that may be necessary to prevent, respond to or alleviate the effects of an emergency.
- This is a temporary measure authorized by the Emergency Program Act.

#### **Why not simply have local states of emergency in place?**

- The virus has spread to the entire province, and the ability to leverage the necessary assets in response to the COVID-19 pandemic can be best undertaken by the province.
- A provincial state of emergency can ensure the province can use any means necessary to prevent, respond to or alleviate the effects of an emergency.
- Similar provincial states of emergency have been declared in Ontario and Alberta.

#### **Travel Restrictions**

##### **What is being done in Canada to mitigate the spread of the virus from incoming travellers?**

- On March 16, the Government of Canada announced that it was closing its borders to foreign travellers, with the exception of Americans. At the same time, they announced that international flights would be restricted to four airports – Calgary, Montreal, Toronto and Vancouver – and advised that anyone with symptoms would not be allowed to travel to Canada.
- On March 18, the Government of Canada announced an agreement with the United States to close its borders to non-essential traffic to reduce transmission of the virus.
- All Canadians who are currently abroad are being asked to return to Canada as soon as possible. On return, they are required to self-isolate for 14 days before they can go back to work or school. This is an important way to reduce the possibility of transmission of illness to others.

- In addition, those who are already showing symptoms of the virus will not be allowed to travel at this time.

#### **Is support available for Canadians who are currently abroad and trying to return home?**

- The Government of Canada has launched an emergency loan program to provide up to \$5,000 to support any Canadian abroad who is directly impacted by the virus.
- Travellers are encouraged to register with the Registration of Canadians Abroad to receive updates: <https://travel.gc.ca/travelling/registration>
- Eligible Canadians currently outside Canada and needing help to return home can contact the nearest Government of Canada office or Global Affairs Canada's 24/7 Emergency Watch and Response Centre in Ottawa at +1 613-996-8885 (collect calls are accepted where available) or email [sos@international.gc.ca](mailto:sos@international.gc.ca).

### **Financial Supports**

#### **Is support available from financial institutions to help those who are affected by work place closures etc?**

- The Federal Minister of Finance is encouraging banks to show flexibility in helping their customers whose personal or business finances are affected by COVID-19.
- The Superintendent of Financial Institutions has also made clear his expectation that banks will use the additional lending capacity provided by recent government actions to support Canadian businesses and households.
- In response, banks have affirmed their commitment to working with customers to provide flexible solutions, on a case-by-case basis, for managing through hardships caused by recent developments.
- This may include situations such as pay disruption, childcare disruption, or illness. Canada's large banks have confirmed that this support will include up to a 6-month payment deferral for mortgages, and the opportunity for relief on other credit products. These targeted measures respond to immediate challenges being faced across the country and will help stabilize the Canadian economy.

#### **Is there any other support available for people who may need to defer their mortgage payments during the current situation?**

- The Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC) and other mortgage insurers offer tools to lenders that can assist homeowners who may be experiencing financial difficulty. These include payment deferral, loan re-amortization, capitalization of outstanding interest arrears and other eligible expenses, and special payment arrangements.
- The Government of Canada, through CMHC, is providing increased flexibility for homeowners facing financial difficulties to defer mortgage payments on homeowner CMHC-insured mortgage loans. CMHC will permit lenders to allow payment deferral beginning immediately.

### **Network Connectivity**

#### **I am getting an error message when I try to make calls, or being disconnected. What is happening?**



- The Province is aware that cellular customers in B.C. are currently experiencing some connectivity issues due to larger-than-normal call volumes.
- All service providers are proactively monitoring traffic and performance, and are working to increase capacity, as required, across service areas throughout the province.
- TELUS is doubling its capacity for voice calls between Victoria and the Lower Mainland where most of the capacity issues are occurring.
- They expect that congestion will improve throughout the day.
- Capacity on our own government network is also being increased, including adding additional conference lines for public announcements.
- If you try to connect and get a “circuits are busy” or “call can’t be completed” message, there’s minor congestion on the network. Hanging up and redialing may resolve the issue.

**Several experts have recommended working from home. What supports are available to those who are looking to do so?**

- We encourage people to check with their organization to see what options are available for remote work and teleconferencing.
- There are also several options for virtual meetings, including Skype, Google Hangouts and Facetime, which can help you connect with colleagues, family and friends while practicing social distancing.

**Employers/Employees**

**Can my employer make me take time off work if I am sick?**

- Yes, an employer may require a worker to take time off if that worker is sick.
- For workers who are sick, employers may have policies or collective agreement provisions that deal with sick leave and compensation for time off when sick.
- On March 18, the Government of Canada announced an \$82-billion emergency response package to support Canadians and businesses. This package includes:
  - An Emergency Care Benefit of up to \$900 biweekly, up to 15 weeks, to provide income to workers who have to stay at home and do not have paid sick leave or employment insurance
  - An Emergency Support Benefit for workers who are not eligible for EI and are facing unemployment.

- More information is available on the Government of Canada's COVID-19 webpage:  
<https://www.canada.ca/en/department-finance/economic-response-plan.html>

### **Can I force my employee to take 2 weeks unpaid off since they travelled internationally recently?**

- An employer may make a worker take time off if not sick; however, the question of whether a worker is to be paid for such a leave may be dependent on the nature of the leave (e.g., vacation with pay) or on employer policies. The following webpage from the Employment Standards Branch (ESB) deals with unexpected absences from work for employees:

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/employment-business/employment-standards-advice/employment-standards/taking-unexpected-time-off>

- For workers who qualify for employment insurance and have to undergo quarantine due to COVID-19 concerns, the federal government recently announced it would waive the one-week waiting period to receive benefits so the worker would receive benefits for an entire 14-day quarantine.
- For those who do not qualify for EI, the Government of Canada announced an \$82-billion emergency response package to support Canadians and businesses on March 18. This package includes:
  - An Emergency Care Benefit of up to \$900 biweekly, up to 15 weeks, to provide income to workers who have to stay at home and do not have paid sick leave or employment insurance
  - An Emergency Support Benefit for workers who are not eligible for EI and are facing unemployment.
- More information is available on the Government of Canada's COVID-19 webpage:  
<https://www.canada.ca/en/department-finance/economic-response-plan.html>
- The following webpage from the ESB deals with obligations on employers for handling absences and other disruptions, including if they send a worker home:

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/employment-business/employment-standards-advice/employment-standards/handling-disruptions>

### **What is being done to support businesses who are affected by closures?**

- On March 18, the Prime Minister announced an \$82-billion Economic Response Plan, including \$27 billion in direct supports for workers and businesses.
- This includes allowing businesses to defer income tax payments until after August 31, 2020, a new Business Credit Availability Program (BCAP) to provide more than \$10 billion in support of small and medium-sized businesses.

- More information is available at: <https://www.canada.ca/en/department-finance/economic-response-plan.html>
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**From:** Aaron, Sage PREM:EX  
**Sent:** March 17, 2020 1:19 PM  
**To:** Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX; Smith, George PREM:EX  
**Subject:** Fwd: Site C

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Begin forwarded message:

**From:** "Cuddy, Andrew EMPR:EX"  
**Date:** March 17, 2020 at 1:04:20 PM PDT  
**To:** "Meggs, Geoff PREM:EX" , "Hockin, Amber PREM:EX" , "Howlett, Tim GCPE:EX" , "Farmer, Leila GCPE:EX" , "Aaron, Sage PREM:EX"  
**Subject:** FW: Site C

Please see below... (This follows decision by LNG Canada yesterday to tool down non-essential work at their Kitimat site.)

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**From:** Nikolejsin, Dave EMPR:EX  
**Sent:** March 17, 2020 12:58 PM  
**To:** Wanamaker, Lori FIN:EX ; Wright, Don J. PREM:EX ; Ralston, Bruce EMPR:EX  
**Cc:** MacLaren, Les EMPR:EX ; Green, Dan L EMPR:EX ; Kennedy, Christine PREM:EX ; Cuddy, Andrew EMPR:EX ; McRae, Meghan GCPE:EX ; O'Riley, Christopher (Chris.Oriley@bchydro.com)  
**Subject:** Site C

BC Hydro has made the decision to close the camp at site C. This will be communicated out later today including calls to key media.

They will attempt to keep a small crew or mostly local workers an site doing as many critical functions as possible (i.e. keeping river diversion work on track).

That said the impacts will be large. People will be laid off and sent home.

Official notices to follow.

**Dave Nikolejsin**

Deputy Minister

Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources

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**From:** Leslie, Lisa GCPE:EX  
**Sent:** March 20, 2020 11:00 AM  
**To:** Aaron, Sage PREM:EX; Robb, Katie TRAN:EX; Spilker, Robyn FIN:EX; Leslie, Lisa GCPE:EX; Lawson, Liam FIN:EX; Smith, George PREM:EX; Smith, Jimmy GCPE:EX; Howlett, Tim GCPE:EX  
**Subject:** Economic Relief - NR & QA - DRAFTS  
**Attachments:** NR\_COVID-19 BC relief\_20March2020\_DRAFT5.docx; QA\_COVID-19 relief plan\_20March2020\_DRAFT.docx

Sending the draft NR and QA prior to our 12:30 call. Pieces are moving and we'll need cabinet decisions so this will change quite a bit I imagine but would love feedback so that we can quickly retool throughout the day.

QA really just for you for now James, as discussed – and thank you! Blue is questions for other ministries; yellow is outstanding on my end.

Lisa Leslie  
Communications Director  
**Ministry of Finance**  
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**To:** Plan, Jakelene GCPE:EX  
**Cc:** Smith, George PREM:EX; Youngs, Kirsten R GCPE:EX  
**Subject:** Fwd: QA Update  
**Attachments:** QA\_COVID-19 relief plan\_21March2020\_DRAFT7- Issues Edits.docx; ATT00001.htm

Hi Jake.

Looping you in on status and to help with version control. Please stay in touch with George if you receive any new pieces from other shops or our FIN staff that are important. Please also flag any level of detail that FIN staff have told us is problematic to use (and why).

I know version control, moving pieces and layers of approval are tough right now!

Hang in there.

Lisa Leslie  
250 213-7724

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** "Smith, Jimmy GCPE:EX" <[Jimmy.Smith@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Jimmy.Smith@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Date:** March 21, 2020 at 10:38:00 PM PDT  
**To:** "Leslie, Lisa GCPE:EX" <[Lisa.Leslie@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Lisa.Leslie@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Subject:** FW: QA Update

I'm not sending this back yet and we have a couple additions coming but I wanted to let you know where things are at.

Cheers

James Smith  
Issues Manager  
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**From:** Smith, Jimmy GCPE:EX  
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**To:** Howlett, Tim GCPE:EX <[Tim.Howlett@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Tim.Howlett@gov.bc.ca)>; Sarah Marriott <[sarah.marriott@gov.bc.ca](mailto:sarah.marriott@gov.bc.ca)>; Sarah Marriott <[sarah.marriott@gov.bc.ca](mailto:sarah.marriott@gov.bc.ca)>; Farmer, Leila GCPE:EX <[Leila.Farmer@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Leila.Farmer@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Subject:** QA Update  
Hey Team!

Thanks everyone for helping with this. You produced a lot of good content. Attached is the current version of the combined QA.

Tim will be reviewing it tomorrow morning and we need to get it to Minister James by noon.

Please do not make any further edits into the other doc we were working on. If you have additions coming please send them into this thread instead.

James Smith  
Issues Manager  
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**Cc:** Douglas, Andrew PSSG:EX; Maartman, William PSSG:EX  
**Subject:** FW: Communications Situation Report - Wednesday, March 25, 2020  
**Attachments:** 2020EMBC0014-000564.pdf

Hi all,

Please find below the Communications Situation Report for Wednesday, March 25. Updates are in RED.

The JIC Information Bulletin from today is attached.

**Point of information:** the abbreviated version sent in the morning to all MLAs' public accounts **\*does not\*** include the content below the Health Authority Map.

Thanks,

Melanie Sanderson  
Senior Ministerial Assistant  
Office of the Minister of Public Safety & Solicitor General  
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### Emergency Management BC Communications Sit Report Daily Summary

**Date: March 25, 2020**

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**\*Please note, given the dynamic nature of a pandemic, the following information is subject to change after this report is distributed.**

#### Current B.C. Statistics

- Number of confirmed cases in BC: 659 (42 new cases)
- Deaths: 14 (1 new)
- 64 are in hospital (26 in ICU)
- Recovered: 183

#### **Updates in the last 24 hours:**

- BC Ferries released a non essential travel advisory on Mar 24  
[https://www.bcferrries.com/current\\_conditions/travel-advisory.html](https://www.bcferrries.com/current_conditions/travel-advisory.html)
- COVID 19 self assessment app launched  
<https://bc.thrive.health/>
- Announcement on housing support (1:15 pm)  
<https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2020MAH0048-000561>

- Dr. Bonnie Henry Update (3pm)  
<https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2020HLTH0107-000563>
- Cheque day Wednesday – concerns over vulnerable people congregating for cheques

### **News conferences:**

#### **Prime Minister Trudeau (8:15 am)**

- People worried about finances – daily bills – too many having tough conversations about money
- Last week almost a million applied for EI assistance
- We're here to help you – govt doing everything they can
- **Announcement:** Early this morning the House passed an emergency bill to help people – now before Senate
- Hope passage will be done quickly to help Cdns asap
- And this is only the beginning
- **Announcement:** Will be enhancing Canada Child Benefit and delaying by 3 months time to pay student loans
- **Announcement:** Canada Emergency Response Benefit – will replace the benefits announced last week – Emergency Care benefit and the Emergency Support Benefit to make it simpler
- Canada Emergency Response Benefit will provide \$2000 a month for next four months for workers not getting a paycheque due to COVID-19
- For those who lost their jobs due to COVID, sick or quarantined, or have to look after kids or seniors – benefit will be there
- Will be an online portal to put through applications and will be there soon – people should start receiving funds within 10 days
- I know people are concerned about delays – public servants working around the clock
- They will get to the application – help is on the way
- To speed things, we're deploying people from other depts to deal with claims – boosted teams by 13,000 ppl
- Since Monday, already processed 143,000 EI claims
- As an employer, landlord or friend, if you don't need help you can help others
- It's by working together we can get through this
- Working with provinces and FNs, Inuit and Metis communities
- Testing varies around country – working on this to speed up results
- Recognize work medical professionals are doing on this front – testing 10,000 people a day
- Helping companies, labs and scientific institutions produce what we need most
- Collaborating with airlines to get people home and instructing they must isolate for 14 days
- Working with international partners on international coordination
- It's essential that Cdns have access to most recent info – media are also feeling the consequences
- **Announcement:** To ensure journalists can keep doing their work, govt is announcing measures to support them and Minister Guilbaut will announce details later
- Thank you to media
- Most important way to work together is to stay apart
- Getting latest modeling on impact of physical distancing and we'll work on sharing this with you
- This is a once in a generation challenge and you can't do many of the things that make you feel good
- If you need help, reach out, but do it from home
- If you're already following these rules, thank you. If you're not, you're making a dangerous choice because you're putting everyone...even yourself...at risk
- If you don't follow, health care professionals more likely to get sick
- Just stay home and if you must go out, keep a 2-meter distance between you and others
- If you come from abroad, go home and stay for 14 days
- Have to all look after each other and do our share

#### **Housing Support Announcement (1:15 pm)**

**MLA Chandra Herbert**

- People have been raising challenges around housing and losing their homes
- No one will lose their home due to COVID 19
- Need to do more than just meet that commitment, we need to provide relief, security and safety in rental housing
- Premier asked me to lead a rapid-fire consultation on what we need to do to support renters and rental housing providers during COVID-19
- The measures we announce today, in addition to other federal and provincial announcements will help people stay safe in their homes

#### **Premier Horgan**

- Thank you, Spencer, for the work you did in short order
- Put together a comprehensive package for renters and landlords
- 17,000 emails to Premier just this week – renters are anxious about losing their homes
- To landlords – also want to make sure we work with you – critical to your families and your payments also
- Package designed to give immediate help to both renters and landlords
- Measures include:
  - Up to \$500 per month temporary rent supplement – 4 months – paid directly to landlords – delivered through BC Housing
  - Halting evictions while emergency order is in place in B.C. by ensuring a landlord can't issue a new notice to end tenancy for any reason, except in exceptional cases (eg safety)
  - Freezing new annual rent increases during state of emergency
- Concerns over mortgages – calling on banks to work with mortgage holders
- All of us working together is the only way forward

#### **Minister Robinson**

- Know that the next few months are going to be difficult
- Need to remember to keep doing everything we can to support each other
- We've been working hard to develop supports
- It's about our communities and it's an unprecedented challenge – must all do our part to protect each other
- Lots of work still to do on people without homes
- Also need to ensure people aren't made homeless due to COVID-19
- We shouldn't have visitors over and this new rule will help
- Allowing landlords to restrict use of common areas e.g. Games rooms and laundry rooms
- Preventing landlords from accessing rental units without consent of the tenant, except if there's a clear threat
- Halting the enforcement of existing eviction notice except in extreme cases and court ordered cases (up to the courts)
- We're going to help renters while also ensuring landlords can meet their needs
- Ask that tenants and landlords talk to each other about how to make rent
- Supplement will help address any shortfall
- Making sure people can continue accessing services at the residential tenancy branch
- We are going to get through this

#### **Dr. Henry Update (3pm)**

**\*Thursday update will be at 3pm (in Victoria). Minister Dix was not present at the update today.**

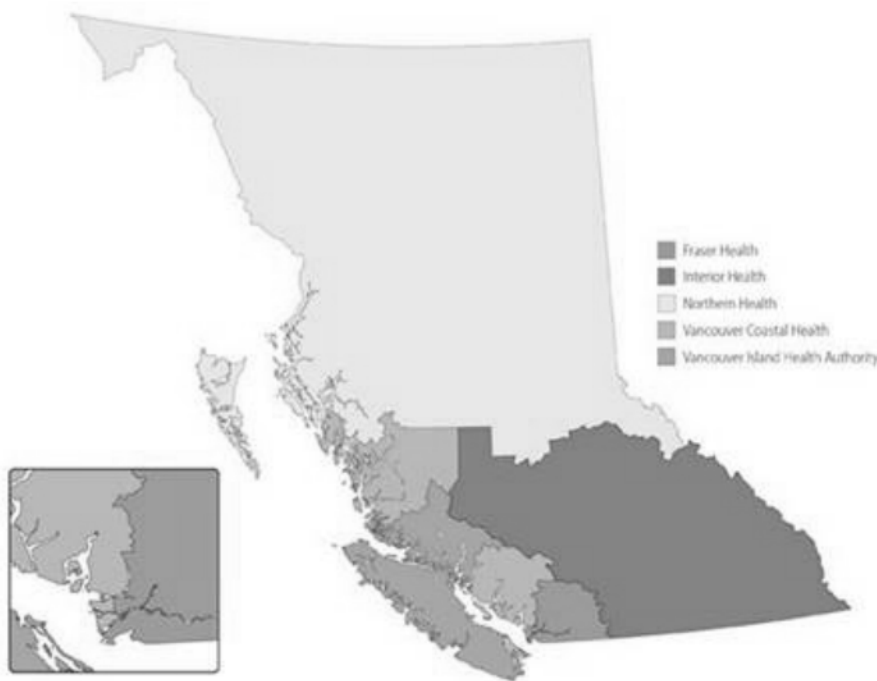
- 42 new cases today (659 total)
- 1 additional long-term care home – 1 worker (Broadway Pentecostal Lodge – Vancouver)
- 1 additional death Lynn Valley care centre
- Increase in cases at Haro Park
- 64 hospitalized (26 ICU)
- 183 recovered

- Coroners office investigating death of dentist to determine if it was related to COVID-19
- Health care workers – Only have those numbers if they're related to clusters e.g. Long-term care
- Fragility of our long-term care facilities and the risk we put residents in
- Doing everything we can to protect elders and seniors in these long-term care homes
- Developing an order to ensure health care workers only work at 1 facility
- Additional measures and restrictions in outbreak facilities – restrictions in all long-term care facilities
- Protection of health care workers and system of paramount in importance
- Putting in measures to control how we're using PPE and looking at alternative supplies, alternative ways to preserve, etc.
- At a critical phase with PPEs – looking at ways to get more supplies
- Public gatherings – gave order prohibiting gatherings more than 50 people
- It's not an order of convenience – required to protect and smaller is better
- In the next two weeks, we need to continue to stop meeting in groups
- Need a safe space between us – that includes celebrations and ceremonies
- Need to come together virtually to protect those in our communities in the coming weeks

#### Cases by Regional Health Authority:

Health Authority	Confirmed Cases	Deaths	Recovered Total
Vancouver Coastal Health	339	12	
Island Health	47		
Fraser Health	218	2	
Interior Health	46		
Northern Health	9		
Other			
<b>RECOVERED</b>			183

#### Health Authority Map:



**Joint Information Centre (JIC) Coordination Call Occurred at 11 a.m. today. The following updates were provided:**

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## **Media Summary**

### **BRITISH COLUMBIA**

#### **RDOS urges residents not to crowd landfills during COVID-19**

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#### **Trades workers raise concern over virus and site safety**

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25-Mar-2020 12:01

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#### **COVID-19 Victoria homeless**

CFOX (Victoria)

25-Mar-2020 12:02

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**COVID-19 response – BC nurses**

CKNW (Vancouver)

25-Mar-2020 12:02

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**Woodfibre LNG construction delayed a year as virus slows component deliveries**

CP News

25-Mar-2020 12:35

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**Possible Vernon exposure**

CKFR (Kelowna)

25-Mar-2020 13:04

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**Clifford - paramedic COVID-19 readiness**  
CKNW (Vancouver)  
25-Mar-2020 13:00

**Can I still take BC Ferries during the coronavirus pandemic?**

Alyse Kotyk and Ian Holliday

CTV News Vancouver

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<https://bc.ctvnews.ca/can-i-still-take-bc-ferries-during-the-coronavirus-pandemic-1.4867574>

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## INFORMATION BULLETIN

For Immediate Release  
2020EMBC0014-000564  
March 25, 2020

COVID-19 Joint Information Centre  
Emergency Management BC  
Ministry of Health

### **B.C. COVID-19 response update**

VICTORIA – The COVID-19 situation in British Columbia is continually evolving and the information below is current as of 3 p.m. on Wednesday, March 25, 2020.

#### **Cases:**

- Total confirmed cases in B.C.: 659
- New cases since March 24, 2020: 42
- Hospitalized cases: 64
- Intensive care: 26
- COVID-19 related deaths: 14
- Recovered: 183

#### **Confirmed cases by region:**

- Vancouver Coastal Health: 339
- Fraser Health: 218
- Island Health: 47
- Interior Health: 46
- Northern Health: 9

#### **Testing:**

- Testing capacity in British Columbia has increased to approximately 3,500 tests per day.
- 26,681 individuals tested as of March 23, 2020.
- Across Canada, there are more than 10,000 tests per day.
- Testing is available for all who need it, but not everyone requires a test.
  - If you have no symptoms, mild symptoms or you are a returning traveller self-isolating at home, you do not require a test.
  - For each of these situations, the public health advice remains the same, regardless of test results: self-isolate for 10 days to monitor for the development of symptoms or until your symptoms are completely gone.
- Those who have severe illness, require hospitalization, are residents of long-term care facilities or are health-care workers will continue to be tested.
  - Anyone part of an active investigation or outbreak cluster will be tested so they can be appropriately monitored.
- If symptoms appear, call your health-care provider, call 811 for guidance or check your symptoms online: <https://covid19.thrive.health>

#### **Provincial advice and measures:**

- NEW: What you must do regarding COVID-19:  
<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/health/about-bc-s-health-care-system/office-of-the-provincial-health-officer/current-health-topics/covid-19-novel-coronavirus>
- NEW: Province provides guidance to mining and smelting operations during COVID-19 pandemic: <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2020EMBC0014-000560>
- NEW: Province provides guidance B.C. manufactures during COVID-19 pandemic: <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2020EMBC0014-000559>
- NEW: BC Summer Games has been cancelled, Maple Ridge to host in 2024:  
<https://www.bcgames.org/News/Latest-News/News-Category-List/ArtMID/1035/ArticleID/1895/2020-BC-Summer-Games-cancelled-Maple-Ridge-to-Host-2024>
- NEW: A complete list of travel in B.C. affected by COVID-19 visit:  
<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/transportation/driving-and-cycling/traveller-information/travel-affected-by-covid-19>
- Non-essential travel advisory from B.C. Ferries:  
[https://www.bcferries.com/current\\_conditions/travel-advisory.html](https://www.bcferries.com/current_conditions/travel-advisory.html)
- BC Parks moving to close certain parks, recreation areas:  
<https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2020ENV0014-000553>
- Along with being able to check symptoms online, British Columbians can now download a new self-assessment app: <https://bc.thrive.health/>
- In the last 24 hours 18,800 users have downloaded the self-assessment app.
- B.C.'s first steps to support people, businesses:  
<https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2020PREM0013-000545>
- List of provincial tax changes announced by government:  
<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/taxes/tax-changes/covid-19-tax-changes>
- Guidance to construction sites operating during COVID-19:  
<https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2020EMBC0002-000542>
- Restaurants allowed to use servers to deliver liquor products:  
<https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2020AG0027-000541>
- Dr. Bonnie Henry, provincial health officer, has ordered personal service establishments, such as but not limited to: nail salons, tattoo parlours, barbershops, beauty parlours, health spas and massage parlours are ordered to close until further notice. These services require direct, personal contact with other people - and that is impossible to deliver while maintaining appropriate distancing.
- The B.C. government support and relief for the province's most vulnerable and those living in BC Housing: <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2020MAH0013-000536>
- The B.C. government is taking steps to support the child care sector during the COVID-19 pandemic: <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2020CFD0041-000530>
- Henry has ordered all restaurants must move to take-out or delivery model only or close.
- BC Liquor Stores clarifies working hours, extra steps taken during COVID-19 pandemic: <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2020AG0025-000528>
- Henry clarifies direction on physical distancing relating to going outside:
  - It is safe to go outside to get fresh air, walk pets, ride a bike and exercise while maintaining safe physical distances.
- The B.C. government is waiving the MSP coverage wait period for people moving back to B.C. from COVID-19 impacted areas. In addition, the B.C. government is planning to provide health coverage to British Columbians who are out of province and unable to

return: <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/health/health-drug-coverage/msp/bc-residents>

- Long-term care facilities are to restrict visitors to essential visitors only.
- Rear door, free boarding on all BC Transit, Translink buses: <https://www.bctransit.com/victoria/news?nid=1529708533639>
- Resource for managing COVID-19 related stress, anxiety and depression: [https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/health-safety/covid19\\_stressmanagement\\_5\\_accessible.pdf](https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/health-safety/covid19_stressmanagement_5_accessible.pdf)
- WorkSafeBC resources available for employers and workers: <https://www.worksafebc.com/en/about-us/covid-19-updates>
- Provincial state of emergency has been declared: <https://news.gov.bc.ca/21826>
- BC Ferries has reduced food and retail services to minimal levels on board ships and at ferry terminals, effective March 18, 2020: [https://www.bcferries.com/about/media\\_room/newsreleases.html](https://www.bcferries.com/about/media_room/newsreleases.html)
- Henry has reminded employers that they must excuse workers for sickness without requiring a doctor's note.
- All public universities and colleges have switched to online classes for the rest of the term.
- Henry has issued an order providing criteria for exempting essential service workers from self-isolation protocols: <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/health/about-bc-s-health-care-system/office-of-the-provincial-health-officer/current-health-topics>
- B.C. government has suspended K-12 learning in all classrooms. A decision on when and how to return will be made in partnership with school districts and independent schools.
- Businesses with liquor primary licenses (bars, pubs, night clubs, etc.) ordered to close: <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/health/about-bc-s-health-care-system/office-of-the-provincial-health-officer/reports-publications/covid-19-pho-order-nightclubs-food-drink-services.pdf>
- Henry has issued the following order for travellers <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/health/about-bc-s-health-care-system/office-of-the-provincial-health-officer/current-health-topics>
- The B.C. government will make changes to the Employment Standards Act to protect workers and prevent layoffs.
- On March 16, 2020, Henry announced new measures related to mass gatherings: <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/health/about-bc-s-health-care-system/office-of-the-provincial-health-officer/reports-publications/covid-19-pho-class-order-mass-gatherings.pdf>
- Measures related to hospital operations, long-term care facilities, casinos and gatherings over 50 people are here: <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2020HLTH0086-000499>

#### **Media availability schedule:**

Upcoming scheduled media availabilities with Adrian Dix, Minister of Health, and Henry will be held:

Thursday, March 26, 2020 – 3 p.m., Victoria

Friday, March 27, 2020 – 3 p.m., Victoria

Saturday, March 28, 2020 – TBA

#### **Public health emergency:**

- Under a provincial health emergency, a provincial health officer, among other emergency powers, may:
  - do orally what must otherwise be done in writing;
  - serve an order in any manner;
  - act in a shorter or longer time period than is otherwise required; and
  - compel any peace officer to enforce an order.

#### **Travel/federal measures:**

- NEW: Federal government introduces Canada Emergency Response Benefit to help workers and businesses <https://www.canada.ca/en/department-finance/news/2020/03/introduces-canada-emergency-response-benefit-to-help-workers-and-businesses.html>
- The federal government's plan to mobilize science to fight COVID-19: <https://pm.gc.ca/en/news/news-releases/2020/03/23/canadas-plan-mobilize-science-fight-covid-19>
- The federal government's financial package for farmers and agri-food business: <https://pm.gc.ca/en/news/news-releases/2020/03/23/prime-minister-announces-support-farmers-and-agri-food-businesses>
- On March 21, 2020, the federal government announced new measures to provide support for Canadians at home or abroad, as well as support for international students, seasonal agricultural workers and other temporary foreign workers: <https://pm.gc.ca/en/news/news-releases/2020/03/21/prime-minister-announces-efforts-bring-canadians-home-abroad>
- Provincial health officer's order for travellers: <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/health/about-bc-s-health-care-system/office-of-the-provincial-health-officer/current-health-topics>
- On March 17, 2020, the federal government announced new measures relating to travel, including:
  - Closure of the Canada-U.S. border to all non-essential traffic going into effect Saturday, March 21, midnight: <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-safety-canada/news/2020/03/us-canada-joint-initiative-temporary-restriction-of-travelers-crossing-the-us-canada-border-for-non-essential-purposes.html>
- On March 16, 2020, the federal government announced new measures relating to travel, including:
  - banning entry of all foreign nationals by air travel from all countries;
  - consolidating international inbound flights to four major hubs only, including Vancouver International Airport (YVR);
  - preventing symptomatic passengers from boarding a plane to Canada;
  - strengthening in-flight medical procedures and medical screening immediately upon landing, with enhanced cleaning and disinfection at airports;
  - support for impacted Canadians abroad; and
  - 14-day self-isolation for all arrivals except for essential work.
- Global Affairs Canada has set up an emergency loan program for people abroad attempting to return to Canada.
- Public health officials require anyone arriving in B.C. from a foreign country to self-isolate for 14 days, staying away from work or school. Guidance for self-isolation is available on

the BC Centre for Disease Control (BCCDC) website: <http://www.bccdc.ca/health-info/diseases-conditions/covid-19/testing-isolation>

### **Resources:**

- Help flatten the curve by checking symptoms online or downloading the app: <https://covid19.thrive.health/>
- If you or a family member have symptoms or need medical advice, call 811.
- Latest COVID-19 updates and statements: <https://news.gov.bc.ca/Search?q=COVID-19>
- Latest orders and directives from the provincial health officer can be found here: <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/health/about-bc-s-health-care-system/office-of-the-provincial-health-officer/current-health-topics>

### **Learn More:**

For the latest videos and livestreaming of COVID-19 media availabilities, visit:

<https://www.facebook.com/BCProvincialGovernment/>

Or: <https://twitter.com/BCGovNews>

For up-to-date non-medical information, including the latest travel restrictions and provincial and federal programs, call 1 888 COVID-19 or visit:

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/safety/emergency-preparedness-response-recovery/covid-19-provincial-support>

For recommendations on protecting yourself and your community, including for employers and businesses, visit: [http://www.bccdc.ca/health-info/diseases-conditions/coronavirus-\(novel\)](http://www.bccdc.ca/health-info/diseases-conditions/coronavirus-(novel))

For common questions about COVID-19 and terminology, visit: <http://www.bccdc.ca/health-info/diseases-conditions/covid-19/common-questions>

For the COVID-19 pandemic preparedness and planning materials, visit:

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/health/about-bc-s-health-care-system/office-of-the-provincial-health-officer/current-health-topics/pandemic-influenza>

For more information and latest updates on the #COVID19 pandemic, follow the BCCDC on Twitter: @CDCofBC or visit: <http://www.bccdc.ca/>

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**From:** Bain, Don PREM:EX  
**Sent:** March 31, 2020 9:28 AM  
**To:** Howlett, Tim GCPE:EX; Aaron, Sage PREM:EX; Hockin, Amber PREM:EX  
**Subject:** work camp and LNGC  
**Attachments:** Work Camp Status\_EMPR.docx; Work Camp Status angling and guiding[1].docx; Work Camp Status BCTS[1].docx; Work Camp Status - Silviculture-updated.docx; LNGC COVID-19 RISK MITIGATION MEASURES MARCH 29 FINAL.pptx; LNG Steering Committee\_March\_31\_2020.pdf

FYI - confidential

Tim, call me when you are available to touch base.

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**From:** Meggs, Geoff PREM:EX  
**Sent:** Monday, March 30, 2020 10:14 AM  
**To:** Bain, Don PREM:EX  
**Subject:** FW: Upcoming call for work camp closure

**GEOFF MEGGS**

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**From:** Wright, Don J. PREM:EX  
**Sent:** March 29, 2020 1:34 PM  
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**Subject:** FW: Upcoming call for work camp closure

Geoff,

As per our exchange yesterday, please find attached a list of the work sites that are active for each of:

EMPR – including mining, LNG, Oil and Gas, and Hydro

FNLRO – one for fishing and guiding, one for BC Timber Sales, and one for Silviculture.

There are some incompletes in this, but you will note that most large camps have reduced operations/stepped up protocols to deal with CoVid concerns.

Grant, I am presuming that there are no major camps in your domain that are worth noting? If that is not true, let me know what you can get together.

Let me know if you would like anything else.

Don

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**From:** Geoff Meggs <[Geoff.Meggs@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Geoff.Meggs@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Date:** Saturday, March 28, 2020 at 3:49 PM  
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**Subject:** Upcoming call for work camp closure

Don, Minister Dix advises his office has learned a retired public health officer is expected to make a public call for closure of work camps on a CBC broadcast early Monday. As you know, there is guidance on this point but public pressure may again rise on this matter for obvious reasons.

It would be very helpful to be able to confirm overnight how many camps are actually operating, at what level, with what oversight and for what purpose to assist the Provincial Health Office in assessing these concerns. Perhaps the industry can do more through self-inspection to ensure only critical work continues and in a safe way.

Thanks for your assistance

Geoff



### Work Camp Status - Silviculture

Work Camp and Location	Number of Workers i. Normal operations ii. Current operations	Extraordinary measures put in place to deal with COVID19 Guidance sought from PHO	Complaints from local communities, First Nations, advocate groups
<p>Planting using <b>local accommodations</b> (hotels/motels/private campgrounds)</p>	<p><b>Coast:</b></p> <p>3 BCTS camp/motel set ups (planting is mostly completed now on the Coast)</p> <p>Mosaic, approx 250 planters in 20 or so hotels/motels. No camps.</p> <p><b>Interior:</b></p> <p>Some smaller licensees have hired local planting crews (less than 10 planters) who have been staying in motels and practicing the procedures mentioned.</p>	<p>Opening laundry facilities only for the planting crews and doing deep cleans before and after public use.</p> <p>Cleaning of motel rooms is done by those using the rooms not by hotel staff. Fresh linens are dropped outside doors.</p> <p>Any food is picked up or delivered by planting crew members...no outside introduction of persons not part of the group.</p> <p>Planting crew trucks installing plastic separators between the front and back seats of to minimize contact while traveling.</p> <p>Crews are being kept in "4 person cohorts" to avoid cross-</p>	<p>No specific complaints have been received as of yet.</p> <p>Concerns are anticipated from First Nations and communities if non-locals are entering traditional territories and local areas to set up camp or carry out planting,</p>

		<p>contamination from other camp members ie. Not “mixing” crews to maintain COVID free environments.</p> <p>Crews are advised to stay in camp and not to venture into communities during their leisure time.</p>	
Planting <b>Field/Tent Camps</b>	<p><b>South:</b></p> <p>Planting has just started in very small parts of the Interior</p> <p>Presently less than 20 planters but separated into 2 or 4 person crews.</p> <p>4-6 potential BCTS camp/motel set ups anticipated from May through July</p> <p><b>North:</b></p> <p>Planting has not started and typically does not start until May</p> <p>4 potential BCTS camp/motel set ups anticipated from May through July</p>	<p>Chief Forester has given guidance recommending any <b>Interior Region</b> planting not yet commenced, be deferred until the first week of May to ensure proper precautions are applied for COVID19 management.</p> <p>The recommendation does acknowledge that any planting already taking place, can continue as long as current COVID19 guidance is being followed.</p> <p>Provincial Silviculture/Planting Camp Committee has developed a list of standards being forwarded to the PHO in</p>	<p>Concerned member of the public called MO to ask Minister Donaldson to suspend the entire planting season (March 27<sup>th</sup>) Response provided same day by phone articulating steps being taken by FLNRO, Western Forestry Contractors Assoc and Industry. (same day) Concerns abated</p> <p>Some smaller Interior municipalities (ie. Quesnel) have expressed concerns about the introduction of large numbers of planters coming into their communities.</p> <p>Concerns are anticipated from First Nations and communities</p>



	<p>A camp is planned for Stafford in May to accommodate both logging and tree planting.</p> <p>Dunkley has two logging camps open: one winding down operations with 10 people following PHO protocols; the other with 2 people doing road maintenance.</p> <p>Teal Jones: one logging camp open, 15 people following PHO protocols.</p>		
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### Work Camp Status – Angling and Guiding

Work Camp and Location	Number of Workers i. Normal operations ii. Current operations	Extraordinary measures put in place to deal with CoVid Guidance sought from PHO	Complaints from local communities, First Nations, advocate groups
Angling Guides	2018/2019: ~237 licensed guides (does not include guide assistants) 2020/2021: 34 guide licenses purchased so far (do not know how many are operating or plan to) Typical camp size is less than 10 people	As of March 23, hunting and angling are still permitted activities. Developed GCPE and JIC approved messaging and content for website: Fishing and Hunting COVID-19 Updates Guidelines will be sent out this week to each guide.	Concerns are anticipated from First Nations and communities if non-locals are entering traditional territories and local areas to hunt or fish
Guide Outfitters	265 guides, some with multiple licenses - GOABC informs that the spring season (black bears) is wiped out - some guided hunts may occur with residents - heard that no guide is able to plan and some deposits have been returned for non-residents Typical camp size is less than 10 people	As of March 23, hunting and angling are still permitted activities. Developed GCPE and JIC approved messaging and content for website: Fishing and Hunting COVID-19 Updates Guidelines will be sent out this week to each guide.	Concerns are anticipated from First Nations and communities if non-locals are entering traditional territories and local areas to hunt or fish

<p>Residents: Recreational angling and hunters</p>	<p>As of March 20, 2020, combined angling and wildlife product sales are ~ 14,000</p> <p>Over 600 small lakes are stocked annually. Fishing camps are set up on many lakes, and camp size can range from 2 to greater than 25 people.</p> <p>DestinationBC is messaging that resorts that are open are safe. Some interior lakes have lodges (e.g. Roche, Lac Lejeune, Tyax) and an initial scan suggests many remain open.</p> <p>According to HelloBC there are 167 Resorts and Wilderness Lodges, 542 campgrounds and RV sites.</p>	<p>As of March 23, hunting and angling are still permitted activities.</p> <p>Developed GCPE and JIC approved messaging and content for website: Fishing and Hunting COVID-19 Updates</p> <p>All National Parks, all BC Parks, and all Rec Site and Trails are closed to camping.</p>	<p>Concerns are anticipated from First Nations and communities if non-locals are entering traditional territories and local areas to hunt or fish</p>
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### Work Camp Status – British Columbia Timber Sales

Work Camp and Location	Number of Workers i. Normal operations ii. Current operations	Extraordinary measures put in place to deal with CoVid Guidance sought from PHO	Complaints from local communities, First Nations, advocate groups
<b>BCTS COAST BELLA BELLA/OCEAN FALLS</b>	<b>13 tree planters plus foreman plus heli pilot</b>	<b>Staying on two live upon boats.</b>	<b>Communities aware crew is in the area but crew not entering communities.</b>
<b>NO ACTIVE CAMPS OR PLANTING HAS NOT STARTED IN OTHER PARTS OF PROVINCE.</b>			

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**From:** Carr, Michelle EMPR:EX  
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**Cc:** Carr, Michelle EMPR:EX  
**Subject:** LNG Canada Steering Committee materials for meeting Tuesday, March 31  
**Attachments:** LNGC COVID-19 RISK MITIGATION MEASURES MARCH 29 FINAL UPDATED.pdf; LNG Steering Committee\_March\_31\_2020.pdf

Hi, everyone. Please find attached the materials for the LNG SC meeting scheduled for tomorrow. The key focus is on COVID-19 update and Condition 1.

Given the Premier's scheduled address I can get through the material in 15 minutes or so, and also happy to answer questions anytime.

For reference, I have also included LNG Canada's most updated information on their response to COVID-19. This material is in process of being circulated to the District of Kitimat tonight so is confidential.

Michelle

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# **LNG Canada: Mitigating and managing the risk of COVID-19 at site and in the community**

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**Cc:** Brown, Stephen R HLTH:EX; Wright, Don J. PREM:EX; Kennedy, Christine PREM:EX; Hockin, Amber PREM:EX; Aaron, Sage PREM:EX  
**Subject:** Re: Messaging - northern mayors

Minister Ralston will call as many as possible before noon. Andrew Cuddy, his assistant. Has been briefed on the urgency.

Geoff

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 2, 2020, at 10:02 AM, Henry, Bonnie HLTH:EX wrote:

Thanks, I am good with these messages and believe they will be helpful

Bonnie

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*I gratefully acknowledge that I live and work on the traditional unceded territory of the Lekwungen Peoples, specifically the Songhees and Esquimalt First Nations. Hay'sxw'qu Si'em*

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**From:** Meggs, Geoff PREM:EX

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**Cc:** Wright, Don J. PREM:EX ; Kennedy, Christine PREM:EX ; Hockin, Amber PREM:EX ; Aaron, Sage PREM:EX

**Subject:** Messaging - northern mayors

Here's the outline of what I would recommend the Premier and ministers say:

- We understand the anxiety in northern and rural communities regarding industrial or construction camps in their areas;
- From early on in the COVID-19 pandemic, we have seen the Provincial Health Officer put a priority on providing guidance and oversight to these activities – which constitute essential services – to ensure worker and community safety;

- A review of compliance earlier this week showed that key infrastructure projects and new construction projects like the LNG Canada project and Site C, are in compliance with this guidance and in many cases finding enhancements and additional measures to ensure safe operations for workers and nearby communities;
  - Operations have dramatically reduced staff and altered work schedules;
  - Additional support has been provided to workers in the event they need to self-isolate;
  - Additional measures have been taken to reduce any contact with nearby communities
  - Companies, Worksafe and medical health officers are monitoring carefully and ready to respond quickly in the event of any new cases.
- With all these measures in place, any risk posed by these operations is reduced significantly.
  - These are large, sophisticated organizations with a strong understanding of safety and health regulation
- That said, there are real risks to the community, both near term and longer-term, if a complete shutdown took place, including:
  - Safety and environmental risks resulting from inadequate care and maintenance; and
  - Longer-term economic impacts to northern and rural communities resulting from difficulties in restarting operations
- The provincial government remains committed to ensuring maximum compliance with PHO guidelines to ensure safe operations.
  - We can repeat calls like this one as required.
  - We can ensure clear lines of communications with local authorities in the event of

I will ensure Minister Ralston calls before the noon call to deliver these offline to mayors if you agree with these lines.

Geoff

**GEOFF MEGGS**

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**From:** Halls, Lori D EMBC:EX  
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**Attachments:** M082-2020.pdf; M083-2020.pdf; LA and Essential Service MO (002).pdf; NR Prov State of Emergency Ministerial Orders Mar 26 Final for DMs.pdf; List of Essential Services - Final.pdf; BG Essential Services Final for DMs.pdf; BG Use of Extraordinary Powers of EPA Final for DMs.pdf

Deputies

As discussed here are the orders and essential services list that will be released today. I have also included the news release and backgrounders for your reference. Announcement is being made at 9:30am.

Lori Halls  
Deputy Minister  
Emergency Management BC

# BACKGROUND

## List of essential services in British Columbia during COVID-19 pandemic

Essential services are those daily services essential to preserving life, health, public safety and basic societal functioning. They are the services British Columbians come to rely on in their daily lives.

Developed by Emergency Management BC in consultation with other government ministries and the Provincial Health Officer (PHO), this definition is intended to clarify what qualifies as an essential service in the context of the Province's response to COVID-19. In consultation with the PHO, these services should and are encouraged to remain open. They must, however, follow the orders and guidance provided by the PHO to ensure safe operations and reduce the risk of transmission of COVID-19.

The PHO has ordered some types of businesses to close. Any business or service that has not been ordered to close and is also not identified on the essential service list may stay open if they can adapt their services and workplace to the orders and recommendations of the PHO.

**Child care providers and schools providing care and/or in-class instruction for children are to prioritize placements for those children whose parents are employed as front-line workers in Direct to Public Health and Health Services, Social Services, Law Enforcement, First Responders, and Emergency Response.**

A list of essential services is below:

### Health and health services

#### Direct-to-public health services

- All health care services, including acute care (hospitals), secondary care / long-term care, coroners services, health care providers working within and outside an acute care setting and other health services including public health, detox facilities, safe-injection sites, COVID-19 testing, clinical research supporting the COVID-19 response, blood/plasma donation services, and emergency pre-hospitalization services;
- Other health services and caregivers (e.g., physicians, dentists, psychiatrists, psychologists, mid-level practitioners, nurses and assistants, infection control and quality assurance personnel, pharmacists, physical and occupational therapists and assistants, social workers, mental health and substance use workers including peer support workers, speech pathologists, diagnostic and therapeutic technicians and technologists, counselors, chiropractors, naturopaths, dentists, crisis centres, outreach workers, overdose and harm reduction services, meal programs); and,
- Health first responders (paramedics).

#### Health Service Providers

- Pharmaceutical production, medical laboratories/research, medical testing, pharmacies, medical supply and equipment manufacturers, wholesale, distribution and stores; and analytical testing labs, related to testing of finished product for pathogens and contaminants;
- Safety supply (e.g. work clothes, Personal Protective Equipment, medical/pharmaceutical/ laboratory supplies, etc.) stores, manufacturers, technicians, logistics, and warehouse operators;
- Medical wholesale and distribution; and,
- Health plans, billing, and health information.

#### **Law enforcement, public safety, first responders and emergency response personnel**

- First responders, including police, fire, and those services providing for public safety including commercial vehicle safety enforcement (CVSE), corrections and detainment facilities, park rangers, security and protective services, court services, bylaw enforcement, as well as communications/dispatching support for first responders and volunteers such as search and rescue (SAR) and public safety lifeline volunteers (PSLV);
- Public sector workers for peace, order, and good government, and employees of contracted service providers in these fields, including maintenance of technical infrastructure to support this work and compliance with health and public safety orders;
- Businesses that provide support to police and correctional services;
- Operations and services in support of the Canadian Armed Forces and Canadian Border Services Agency;
- Emergency management personnel at local, regional, and provincial levels;
- Businesses that ensure global continuity of supply of aggregates to support critical infrastructure repairs and emergency response requirements (e.g. sandbags, armour stone barriers, etc.); and,
- Equipment and uniform suppliers for first responders.

#### **Vulnerable population service providers**

- Businesses and non-profits that provide food, shelter, social, and support services, and other necessities of life for economically disadvantaged or otherwise vulnerable individuals, such as foodbanks, community kitchens, and voluntary and community service providers, and residential health facilities, mental health, substance use and addictions services; transitional, social and supportive housing; and SROs (single room occupancy);
- Community services and outreach for immigrant, refugees, vulnerable populations and non-market housing, including businesses that sell, rent or repair assistive/mobility/medical devices, aids and/or supplies;
- Care for seniors, adults, children, or individuals with disabilities;
- Childcare services for those persons providing essential services;
- Caregivers for children in care and out of care;
- Elder and disability care, including disabled service support – for physical and cognitive disabled persons;



- Residential care for individuals with mental health and substance use challenges, including licensed and registered treatment and recovery facilities;
- Government and non-profit service delivery staff who provide access to income supports for people in need of food and shelter;
- Residential and care facilities and shelters for seniors, adults, children, and people with disabilities;
- Overdose prevention sites, clinical overdose prevention services or medical cannabis provision; and,
- Businesses that sell, rent or repair assistive/mobility/medical devices, aids and/or supplies, or other products/services that support the health sector, including mental health and addictions/counselling supports.

### **Critical infrastructure service providers**

- Infrastructure, drilling and production, refineries, processing, completion facilities, utilities, transportation, transmission, stations, and storage facilities critical in supporting daily essential electricity needs, drinking water, waste water, electricity (including associated infrastructure), steam, alternative energy production, waste and hazardous management, industrial recycling, oil and natural and propane gas, fuel, and other fuel sources such as heating oil and wood pellets, as well as operating staff;
- Manufacturing of goods necessary for the continued and immediate operation of other essential infrastructure and businesses;
- Gas stations, diesel, propane and heating fuel providers including providers of motor vehicle, aircraft and water/marine fuels, and providers of charging stations for electric vehicles; and,
- Operations and employees needed to operate and maintain drinking water and wastewater/drainage infrastructure, including:
  - Operational staff at water authorities,
  - Operational staff at community water systems,
  - Operational staff at wastewater treatment facilities,
  - Workers repairing water and wastewater conveyances and performing required sampling or monitoring,
  - Operational staff for water distribution and testing,
  - Operational staff at wastewater collection facilities,
  - Operational staff and technical support for SCADA Control systems,
  - Chemical disinfectant suppliers for wastewater and personnel protection,
  - Workers that maintain digital systems infrastructure supporting water and wastewater operations.

### **Food and agriculture service providers**

- Food cultivation, including farming, livestock, aquaculture and fishing, and businesses that support the food supply chain, as well as community gardens and subsistence agriculture;

- Food processing, manufacturing, storage and distribution of foods, feed products and beverages;
- Workers essential to maintain or repair equipment in food processing and distribution centres;
- Workers, including Temporary Foreign Workers, to support agricultural operations to enhance food security;
- Retail: Grocery stores, convenience stores, farmers' markets and other establishments engaged in the retail sale or provision of food, pet or livestock supply, liquor, cannabis (including producers), and any other household consumer products, such as cleaning and personal care products. This includes stores that sell groceries and also sell other non-grocery products, and products necessary to maintaining the safety, sanitation, and essential daily operation of residences such as home supply, hardware, building material stores, pawn brokers, and garden centres and nurseries;
- Farming supply, including seed, fertilizer, pesticides, farm machinery sales and maintenance;
- Inspection services and associated regulatory and government workforce and supporting businesses required for slaughter of animals, dairy production, and food safety; and,
- Businesses that provide for the health and welfare of animals, including veterinarians, farms, boarding kennels, stables, animal shelters, zoos, aquariums, research facilities, and other service providers.

### **Transportation, infrastructure and manufacturing**

- Supply chain services needed to supply goods for societal functioning, including cooling, storing, packaging, transportation, warehousing and distribution;
- Workers who support the maintenance and operation of cargo transportation services, including crews, maintenance, operations and other facilities workers;
- Manufacturers and distributors (to include service centres and related operations) of packaging materials, pallets, crates, containers, and other supplies needed to support manufacturing, packaging, staging and distribution operations;
- Truck drivers who haul hazardous and waste materials to support critical infrastructure, capabilities, functions, and municipal and provincial services;
- Local, regional and provincial delivery services, including but not limited to businesses that ship or deliver groceries, food, goods or services directly to business and residences, and mailing and shipping services;
- Services to support and enable transportation, including highway, road, bridge maintenance and repair;
- Employees who repair, maintain and overhaul vehicles, aircraft and parts, rail equipment, marine vessels, and the equipment and infrastructure that enables operations that encompass movement of cargo and passengers, as well as vehicle rentals and leasing;
- Services that facilitate the transportation of essential supplies, personnel and services, including port/waterfront operations, road, air and rail operations;

- Facilities supporting interprovincial and intra-provincial delivery of goods, including truck scales, commercial vehicle inspection stations, brokerages, truck towing and repair services, commercial cardlock fuel providers, truck and rest stops;
- Government owned or leased buildings;
- Businesses that supply other essential businesses and people working from home with the support or supplies necessary to operate;
- Private transportation services, such as taxis, ride-hailing, helicopter, aircraft and marine vessels;
- Public transportation services under rules for physical distancing or other recommendations from the PHO;
- Workers supporting the chemical and industrial gas supply chains, including workers at chemical manufacturing plants, workers in laboratories, workers at distribution facilities, workers who transport basic raw chemical materials to the producers of industrial and consumer goods and support the natural resource sector, as well as workers supporting safety at such facilities;
- Provision of public services that support the safe operation of regulated businesses and the provision of public services that support those businesses to meet other regulatory requirements;
- Workers who support the operation, inspection and maintenance of essential public works facilities and operations;
- Workers who support the inspection and maintenance for ongoing safety at industrial facilities;
- Inspectors who ensure worksites are safe for workers and who investigate serious workplace accidents;
- Workers who process and manage claims made by injured workers, including services related to their care and treatment, as well as the provision of workers' compensation benefits;
- Hotels and places of accommodation;
- Activities of the Consuls General and staff who support the work of the Consuls General;
- Landlords of buildings where the consulates are located and those who guarantee access to consular offices as well as the operation of the consular offices;
- Storage for essential businesses;
- Businesses that provide materials and services for the operation, maintenance and safety of transportation systems (road, transit, rail, air and marine) including delivery of maintenance services such as clearing snow, response to collisions and completing needed repairs to transportation systems;
- Businesses that extract, manufacture, process and distribute goods, products, equipment and materials, including businesses that manufacture inputs to other manufacturers (e.g. primary metal/steel, blow molding, component manufacturers, chemicals, etc. that feed the end-product manufacturer);
- Vegetation management crews and traffic workers who support environmental remediation/monitoring and who respond to environmental emergencies;
- Businesses providing staffing services, including temporary labour services; and,

- Businesses that support the safe operations of residences, essential businesses and facilities/buildings.

### **Sanitation**

- Cleaning services necessary to provide and maintain disinfection;
- Manufacturing of sanitary products, household paper products, chemicals, microelectronics/semi-conductor, including companies that are able to retrofit their production facilities to produce goods/services that can be used to address critical shortages of sanitary and protective goods;
- Businesses that support environmental management/monitoring and spill clean-up and response, including environmental consulting firms, professional engineers and geoscientists, septic haulers, well drillers, pesticides applicators and exterminators, management of industrial sewage/effluent (e.g. for mining operations), and environmental laboratories; and,
- Waste (garbage and organics) and recycling collection, processing and disposal.

### **Communications, information sharing and information technology (IT)**

- Workers maintaining IT and communications infrastructure for medical facilities, governments facilities, emergency response and command agencies, energy and utilities, banks and financial institutions, employees working from home, and other critical infrastructure categories and personnel, including managing information and cyber-security incidents;
- Newspapers, television, radio, online news outlets and other media services; and,
- IT, radio, cable providers, and telecommunications services, including phone, internet, wireless communications and data centres; satellite operations, undersea cable landing stations, Internet Exchange Points, and manufacturers and distributors of communications equipment.

### **Non-health essential service providers**

- Feed, water, bedding, veterinary care, veterinary supply, transport and processing services for livestock, animal shelters and pets;
- Coroners and workers performing mortuary services, including funeral homes, crematoriums and cemeteries, as well as workers supporting the appropriate handling, identification, storage, transportation and certification of human remains;
- Banks and their branches, credit unions, and related financial institutions, as well as workers who support security and technical operations supporting financial institutions;
- Capital markets, including the British Columbia Securities Commission, self regulatory organizations, exchanges, clearing agencies, and investment fund dealers, advisers and managers;

- Services related to bankruptcy/credit restructuring and non-bank sources of capital; cheque-cashing outlets; money sending and money remittance services; currency exchange services, and pawn brokers;
- Accounting, payroll, translation services, legal services and insurance providers, insurance assessment and adjudication providers;
- Plumbers, electricians, elevator maintenance providers, exterminators, property management services, custodial/janitorial workers, cleaning services, fire safety and sprinkler systems, building systems maintenance and repair technicians, engineers, mechanics, and other service providers who provide services that are necessary to maintaining the safety, sanitation and daily essential operation of residences and commercial buildings;
- Educational institutions—including public and private K-12 schools and public post-secondary institutions—for purposes of facilitating remote learning or performing essential functions, including services that are needed to ensure the safety, security, welfare, integrity and health of the community, property and research, and certain operational and contractual activities, if operating under rules for physical distancing or other recommendations from the PHO;
  - In relation to research universities, services including COVID-19-related research, residential housing and food services for students on-campus, building operations and risk management, animal care services, health services for students, IT including data security and infrastructure, finance/payroll/administration/HR/communications, and child care for essential university staff;
- Laundromats, dry cleaners and laundry-service providers;
- Restaurants and other facilities that prepare and serve food, if operating under rules for social and physical distancing or other recommendations from the PHO;
- Towing services and other vehicle repair/maintenance operations;
- Schools and other entities that provide free food services to students or members of the public, if operating under rules for physical distancing or other recommendations from the PHO;
- Construction work, in accordance with PHO direction; construction firms, skilled trades, and professionals, and; construction and light industrial machinery and equipment rental;
- Businesses that ensure global continuity of supply of primary and value-added forestry/silviculture products (e.g. lumber, pulp, paper, wood fuel, etc.) including soft-pulp products such as protective masks, gowns, drapes, screens and other hospital supplies, as well as household paper products;
- Postal services including both public and private mailing, shipping, logistics, courier, delivery services and post office boxes;
- Research services supporting essential sectors, including medical/clinical research and industrial research;
- All government (local, regional, provincial) functions or services;

- Businesses and non-profits that provide support services to citizens and businesses on behalf of government. These include but are not limited to: income assistance and disability assistance; pensions; residential tenancy; BC Services Card; drivers' licensing; Affordable Child Care Benefit; Medical Services Plan; Forest-Worker Support Programs; Notary, Commissioner, Affidavits; Pesticide Exams; Invigilation for Essential Trades; 1-888-COVID19; Verify by Video; and Helpdesk for BCeID;
- Weather forecasters;
- Businesses that ensure global continuity of supply of mining materials and products (e.g. metals such as copper, nickel and gold) and that support supply chains including:
  - Mining operations, production and processing,
  - Mineral exploration and development, including sand, gravel and aggregates;
  - Mining supply and services that support supply chains in the mining industry including maintenance of operations, health and safety;
  - Smelters.
- Workers at operations centres necessary to maintain other essential functions;
- Professional services including lawyers and paralegals, engineers, accountants and translators;
- Land registration services and real estate agent services;
- Building Code enforcement, inspection of buildings, building sites and building systems by building officials, and registered professionals (architects and engineers);
- Public washrooms and hygiene facilities (toilets, handwash stations, showers) for unsheltered persons; and,
- Parks and greenspace for public health and sheltering (homeless).

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# BACKGROUND

## Extraordinary powers of the Emergency Program Act

On March 18, a provincial state of emergency was declared under the Emergency Program Act (EPA) to support the Provincial Health Officer (PHO) and Minister of Health in the timely and effective provincial response and recovery to the COVID-19 pandemic.

This declaration will make sure the federal, provincial and local resources are delivered in a joint, coordinated effort to best protect British Columbians.

Under a provincial state of emergency, the Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General has extraordinary powers under the EPA to take steps necessary to prevent, respond or alleviate the impacts of an emergency.

These powers, issued by Ministerial Order, include the means to secure critical supply chains, ensure people have access to essential goods and services to keep society running, and make sure critical infrastructure and materials are readily available to support COVID-19 response and public safety orders are enforced.

Ministerial Orders using the extraordinary powers of the EPA support government-wide approach to COVID-19 response and recovery throughout the state of emergency, and are guided by the Pandemic Provincial Coordination Plan.

### Maintaining the supply chain for essential goods and services

- A new, Provincial Supply Chain Coordination Unit will coordinate goods and services distribution in partnership with industry.
- The Province will take a more active role in coordinating essential goods and services movement by land, air, marine and rail. All air services required to transport essential goods, services or personnel shall be managed through the establishment of a Coordinated Provincial Air Service.
- Any by-laws that restrict goods delivery at any time of day are suspended.
- Identify and take control of warehouses and other facilities for gathering supplies and resources if required.

### Protecting Consumers

- The resale of food, medical supplies, personal protective equipment, cleaning and other essential supplies is prohibited.
- The Province will work with retailers and industry to restrict quantities of certain items purchased at point of sale to make sure there is enough supply for those who need it.

### Enforcement

- Municipal by-law officers are enabled to be re-deployed to support enforcement of the Provincial Health Officer's orders and directives carrying fines of over \$25,000 or jail, to be determined by the Courts under the authority of the Public Health Act.

## **Travel**

- Direct passenger and car ferry operators, in consultation with the Province, to provide minimum service levels and priority access for residents, and essential goods and workers.

## **Protecting our most vulnerable**

- Removing regulatory and administrative barriers to make it easier to support critical services for vulnerable people, like food banks and shelters.
- Prevent or suspend evictions due to loss of income related to COVID-19 that would otherwise be allowed under the *Residential Tenancy Act*.

## **Better emergency response and recovery coordination**

- Suspend all orders issued under local states of emergency under COVID-19 and have local governments activate their emergency plans.
- The City of Vancouver's state of emergency orders remain. Going forward, the City will require permission to issue further new orders under their state of emergency.
- Identify public facilities like community centres, to be used for pandemic response: self-isolation, testing, medical care, warehousing and distribution.
- Put mutual aid agreements in place for first responders.
- Give local governments the ability to hold more flexible meetings to expedite decisions.
- Direct local governments to develop business continuity plans and advanced planning for other emergencies such as freshet flooding and wildfires.

## **Additional measures**

- On the direction of the Province, a hotel operator or commercial lodging operator must provide accommodation services for the purposes of self-isolation, supporting essential workforces or for other purposes identified by the Province.

Ministerial Orders issued under the *Emergency Program Act* can be found here:

<http://www.bclaws.ca/civix/content/mo/mo/1115649140/?xsl=/templates/browse.xsl>

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PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

ORDER OF THE MINISTER OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND  
SOLICITOR GENERAL

*Emergency Program Act*

**Ministerial Order No.**

WHEREAS a declaration of a state of emergency throughout the whole of the Province of British Columbia was declared on March 18, 2020 because of the COVID-19 pandemic;

WHEREAS coordination between all levels of government is essential to respond effectively to the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic;

AND WHEREAS section 10 (1) of the *Emergency Program Act* provides that I may do all acts and implement all procedures that I consider necessary to prevent, respond to or alleviate the effects of any emergency or disaster;

I, Mike Farnworth, Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General, order that the attached Local Authorities and Essential Goods and Supplies (COVID-19) Order is made.

March 26, 2020

Date



Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General

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*(This part is for administrative purposes only and is not part of the Order.)*

**Authority under which Order is made:**

Act and section: *Emergency Program Act*, R.S.B.C. 1996, c. 111, s. 10

Other: MO 73/2020

## **LOCAL AUTHORITIES AND ESSENTIAL GOODS AND SUPPLIES (COVID-19) ORDER**

### **Definitions**

- 1 In this order,
  - “**Act**” means the *Emergency Program Act*;
  - “**essential goods and supplies**” means any goods and supplies that are necessary for the health, safety and welfare of people, including, without limitation, the following:
    - (a) food, water and other beverages;
    - (b) fuel and gasoline;
    - (c) health care goods, pharmaceuticals and medical supplies;
    - (d) personal hygiene, sanitation and cleaning goods.

### **Application**

- 2 This order only applies during the period that the declaration of a state of emergency made March 18, 2020 under section 9 (1) of the Act, and any extension of the duration of that declaration, is in effect.

### **Local emergency plans**

- 3 Each local authority in the Province must immediately implement the local authority’s local emergency plan for the area for which the local authority has responsibility.

### **Declarations of state of local emergency and orders set aside**

- 4
  - (1) Any declaration of a state of local emergency made by a local authority or the head of a local authority under section 12 (1) of the Act that meets all of the following criteria is set aside:
    - (a) the declaration of a state of local emergency was made on or before the date on which this order is made;
    - (b) the declaration of a state of local emergency was made in respect of the COVID-19 pandemic.
  - (2) Any order of a local authority that meets all of the following criteria is set aside:
    - (a) the order of the local authority was made on or before the date on which this order is made;
    - (b) the order of the local authority was made pursuant to a declaration of a state of local emergency described in subsection (1).

### **Emergency powers of local authorities**

- 5
  - (1) After the date this order is made, a local authority or, if a local authority consists of more than one person, the head of a local authority must not make a declaration of a state of local emergency under section 12 (1) of the Act in respect of the COVID-19 pandemic without first obtaining the approval of the minister for the proposed declaration.

- (2) After the date this order is made, a local authority must not exercise a power or make an order under section 13 of the Act in respect of the COVID-19 pandemic without first obtaining the approval of the minister for the proposed exercise of power or order under that section.
- (3) After the date this order is made, the council of the City of Vancouver must not exercise a power or make an order or bylaw under section 173 of the *Vancouver Charter* in relation to the COVID-19 pandemic without first obtaining the approval of the minister for the proposed exercise of power or order or bylaw under that section.

#### **Local authority resources and plans**

- 6 (1) On the request of the minister, a local authority must
  - (a) take all measures necessary to identify the resources and facilities within the local authority's area of jurisdiction that could be used to respond to or mitigate the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, including the following:
    - (i) facilities that could be used to allow individuals to self-isolate;
    - (ii) facilities that could be used to warehouse essential supplies;
    - (iii) facilities that could be used to provide medical care or testing, and
  - (b) report to Emergency Management BC on the resources and facilities identified under paragraph (a).
- (2) On the request of the minister, a local authority must
  - (a) take all measures necessary to identify the critical supply and service needs within its area of jurisdiction relating to the local authority's ability to respond to or mitigate the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, and
  - (b) report to Emergency Management BC on the critical supply and service needs identified under paragraph (a).
- (3) Each local authority must review and, if necessary, update its local emergency plan and business continuity plans to ensure that
  - (a) the delivery of essential services can be maintained in a manner that complies with any orders and guidance from the provincial health officer during the period referred to in section 2 of this order, and
  - (b) any impacts and limitations resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic are taken into account with respect to preparations and response measures for other emergencies or disasters, including flooding and wildfires.

#### **Continuity of local authority services**

- 7 (1) Each local authority must use best efforts to enter into mutual aid agreements with neighbouring jurisdictions to ensure that first responder, waste water and drinking water services are maintained during the period referred to in section 2.
- (2) After complying with subsection (1), each local authority must report to Emergency Management BC any unresolved issues that may affect the provision of first responder, waste management or drinking water services during the period referred to in section 2.

### **Critical services and essential goods and supplies**

- 8**
- (1) For the purpose of ensuring the effective management and delivery of critical services for vulnerable populations within the Province, including food banks and shelter services, each local authority must use best efforts to provide assistance in the management and delivery of such services.
  - (2) Despite any bylaw of a local authority restricting or limiting when goods, food or supplies may be delivered to a retailer within the local authority's area of jurisdiction, a person may, at any time, deliver goods, food and other supplies to a retailer in that area.
  - (3) At the request of the minister, all retailers, suppliers, businesses, and other organizations within the Province must report to Emergency Management BC on their inventory of essential goods and supplies and any other supplies required by front line health care workers, first responders and other prioritized essential workers for the purpose of responding to or mitigating the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic.
  - (4) If directed by the minister, a retailer must not sell more than the specified number of items of a specified good to a person in a single transaction.
  - (5) If directed by the minister, a hotel operator or commercial lodging operator within the Province must provide accommodation services for the purposes of self-isolation of individuals, for supporting essential workers or for any other purposes identified by Emergency Management BC.

### **Secondary selling prohibited**

- 9**
- (1) In this section, “**secondary selling**”, in relation to an essential good or supply, means
    - (a) the purchase or other acquisition of the essential good or supply in a retail environment, or
    - (b) the acquisition of the essential good or supply by donation from any person, or at no cost from a government or other organization or body,whether inside or outside of British Columbia, and the subsequent offering of that essential good or supply for resale in person, on any business premises, by phone or fax, on a website or an internet-based application or by any other means.
  - (2) A person must not engage in secondary selling with respect to essential goods and supplies.

### **British Columbia Ferry Services**

- 10**
- (1) British Columbia Ferry Services Inc. and all other ferry operators within the Province which carry both vehicles and passengers must implement all procedures necessary to ensure priority loading on ferries for the following:
    - (a) vehicles carrying essential goods and supplies;
    - (b) residents of ferry sailing destinations.
  - (2) British Columbia Ferry Services Inc. must consult the government before changing or varying its minimum ferry service levels within the Province.

**Delivery of essential goods and supplies**

- 11** If directed by the minister, all suppliers, distributors and retailers within the Province, the Retail Council of Canada (BC), the Canadian Trucking Association of BC and the United Truckers Association must take coordinated measures to ensure the effective delivery of essential goods and supplies throughout the Province, including such food, fuel, medicine and other goods and supplies as may be prioritized by the minister.

## **Essential Services**

Essential services are those daily services essential to preserving life, health, public safety and basic societal functioning. They are the services British Columbians come to rely on in their daily lives.

Developed by Emergency Management BC in consultation with other government ministries and the Provincial Health Officer (PHO), this definition is intended to clarify what qualifies as an essential service in the context of the Province's response to COVID-19. In consultation with the PHO, these services should and are encouraged to remain open. They must, however, follow the orders and guidance provided by the PHO to ensure safe operations and reduce the risk of transmission of COVID-19.

The Provincial Health Officer has ordered some types of businesses to close. Any business or service that has not been ordered to close and are also not identified on the essential service list may stay open if they can adapt their services and workplace to the orders of the Provincial Health Officer.

Child care providers and schools providing care and/or in-class instruction for children are to prioritize placements for those children whose parents are employed in Health and Health Services, Social Services, Law Enforcement, First Responders, and Emergency Response.

## **Health and Health Services**

### **1. Direct-to-public Health Services**

- a) All health care services, including acute care (hospitals), secondary care / long-term care, coroners services, health care providers working within and outside an acute care setting and other health services including public health, detox facilities, safe-injection sites, COVID-19 testing, clinical research supporting the COVID-19 response, blood/plasma donation services, and emergency pre-hospitalization services;
- b) Other health services and caregivers (e.g., physicians, dentists, psychiatrists, psychologists, mid-level practitioners, nurses and assistants, infection control and quality assurance personnel, pharmacists, physical and occupational therapists and assistants, social workers, mental health and substance use workers including peer support workers, speech pathologists, diagnostic and therapeutic technicians and technologists, counselors, chiropractors, naturopaths, dentists, crisis centres, outreach workers, overdose and harm reduction services, meal programs);
- c) Health first responders (paramedics);

### **2. Health Service Providers**

- a) Pharmaceutical production, medical laboratories/research, medical testing, pharmacies, medical supply and equipment manufacturers, wholesale, distribution and stores; and analytical testing labs, related to testing of finished product for pathogens and contaminants;
- b) Safety supply (e.g. work clothes, Personal Protective Equipment, medical/pharmaceutical/ laboratory supplies, etc.) stores, manufacturers, technicians, logistics, and warehouse operators;
- c) Medical wholesale and distribution;
- d) Health plans, billing, and health information;

**Law enforcement, public safety, first responders, emergency response personnel:**

- a) First responders, including police, fire, and those services providing for public safety including commercial vehicle safety enforcement (CVSE), corrections and detainment facilities, park rangers, security and protective services, court services, bylaw enforcement, as well as communications/dispatching support for first responders and volunteers such as SAR and PSLV;
- b) Public sector workers for peace, order, and good government, and employees of contracted service providers in these fields, including maintenance of technical infrastructure to support this work and compliance with health and public safety orders;
- c) Businesses that provide support to police and correctional services;
- d) Operations and services in support of the Canadian Armed Forces and Canadian Border Services Agency;
- e) Emergency management personnel at local, regional, and provincial levels;
- f) Businesses that ensure global continuity of supply of aggregates to support critical infrastructure repairs and emergency response requirements (e.g. sandbags, armour stone barriers, etc.);
- g) Equipment and uniform suppliers for first responders;

**Vulnerable Population Service Providers**

- a) Businesses and non-profits that provide food, shelter, social, and support services, and other necessities of life for economically disadvantaged or otherwise vulnerable individuals, such as foodbanks, community kitchens, and voluntary and community service providers, and residential health facilities, mental health, substance use and addictions services; transitional, social and supportive housing; and SROs;
- b) Community services and outreach for immigrant, refugees, vulnerable populations and non-market housing, including businesses that sell, rent or repair assistive/mobility/medical devices, aids and/or supplies;
- c) Care for seniors, adults, children, or individuals with disabilities;
- d) Childcare services for those persons providing essential services;
- e) Caregivers for children in care and out of care;
- f) Elder and disability care, including disabled service support – for physical and cognitive disabled persons;
- g) Residential care for individuals with mental health and substance use challenges, including licensed and registered treatment and recovery facilities;
- h) Government and non-profit service delivery staff who provide access to income supports for people in need of food and shelter;
- i) Residential and care facilities and shelters for seniors, adults, children, and people with disabilities;
- j) Overdose prevention sites, clinical overdose prevention services or medical marijuana provision;
- k) Businesses that sell, rent or repair assistive/mobility/medical devices, aids and/or supplies, or other products/services that support the health sector, including mental health and addictions/counselling supports;

### **Critical Infrastructure Service Providers**

- a) Infrastructure, drilling and production, refineries, processing, completion facilities, utilities, transportation, transmission, stations, and storage facilities critical in supporting daily essential electricity needs, drinking water, waste water, electricity (including associated infrastructure), steam, alternative energy production, waste and hazardous management, industrial recycling, oil and natural and propane gas, fuel, and other fuel sources such as heating oil and wood pellets, as well as operating staff;
- b) Manufacturing of goods necessary for the continued and immediate operation of other essential infrastructure and businesses;
- c) Gas stations, diesel, propane and heating fuel providers including providers of motor vehicle, aircraft and water/marine fuels, and providers of charging stations for electric vehicles;
- d) Operations and employees needed to operate and maintain drinking water and wastewater/drainage infrastructure, including:
  - Operational staff at water authorities,
  - Operational staff at community water system,
  - Operational staff at wastewater treatment facilities,
  - Workers repairing water and wastewater conveyances and performing required sampling or monitoring,
  - Operational staff for water distribution and testing,
  - Operational staff at wastewater collection facilities,
  - Operational staff and technical support for SCADA Control systems,
  - Chemical disinfectant suppliers for wastewater and personnel protection,
  - Workers that maintain digital systems infrastructure supporting water and wastewater operations;

### **Food and Agriculture Service Providers**

- a) Food cultivation, including farming, livestock, aquaculture and fishing, and businesses that support the food supply chain, as well as community gardens and subsistence agriculture;
- b) Food processing, manufacturing, storage and distribution of foods, feed products and beverages;
- c) Workers essential to maintain or repair equipment in food processing and distribution centres;
- d) Workers, including Temporary Foreign Workers, to support agricultural operations to enhance food security;
- e) Retail: Grocery stores, convenience stores, farmers' markets and other establishments engaged in the retail sale or provision of food, pet or livestock supply, liquor, cannabis (including producers), and any other household consumer products, such as cleaning and personal care products. This includes stores that sell groceries and also sell other non-grocery products, and products necessary to maintaining the safety, sanitation, and essential daily operation of residences such as home supply, hardware, building material stores, pawn brokers, and garden centres and nurseries;
- f) Farming supply, including seed, fertilizer, pesticides, farm machinery sales and maintenance;
- g) Inspection services and associated regulatory and government workforce and supporting businesses required for slaughter of animals, dairy production, and food safety;



- h) Businesses that provide for the health and welfare of animals, including veterinarians, farms, boarding kennels, stables, animal shelters, zoos, aquariums, research facilities, and other service providers;

### **Transportation / Infrastructure / Manufacturing**

- a) Supply chain services needed to supply goods for societal functioning, including cooling, storing, packaging, transportation, warehousing, and distribution;
- b) Workers who support the maintenance and operation of cargo transportation services, including crews, maintenance, operations, and other facilities workers;
- c) Manufacturers and distributors (to include service centers and related operations) of packaging materials, pallets, crates, containers, and other supplies needed to support manufacturing, packaging staging and distribution operations;
- d) Truck drivers who haul hazardous and waste materials to support critical infrastructure, capabilities, functions, and municipal and provincial services;
- e) Local, regional, and provincial delivery services, including but not limited to businesses that ship or deliver groceries, food, goods or services directly to business and residences and mailing and shipping services;
- f) Services to support and enable transportation, including highway, road, bridge maintenance and repair;
- g) Employees who repair, maintain, and overhaul vehicles, aircraft and parts, rail equipment, marine vessels, and the equipment and infrastructure that enables operations that encompass movement of cargo and passengers, as well as vehicle rentals and leasing;
- h) Services that facilitate the transportation of essential supplies, personnel, and services, including port/waterfront operations, road, air and rail operations;
- i) Facilities supporting interprovincial and intra-provincial delivery of goods, including truck scales, commercial vehicle inspection stations, brokerages, truck towing and repair services, commercial cardlock fuel providers, truck and rest stops;
- j) Government owned or leased buildings;
- k) Businesses that supply other essential businesses and people working from home with the support or supplies necessary to operate;
- l) Private transportation services, such as taxis, ride-hailing, helicopter, aircraft, and marine vessels;
- m) Public transportation services under rules for physical distancing or other recommendations from the PHO;
- n) Workers supporting the chemical and industrial gas supply chains, including workers at chemical manufacturing plants, workers in laboratories, workers at distribution facilities, workers who transport basic raw chemical materials to the producers of industrial and consumer goods and support the natural resource sector, as well as workers supporting safety at such facilities;
- o) Provision of public services that support the safe operation of regulated businesses and the provision of public services that support those businesses to meet other regulatory requirements;
- p) Workers who support the operation, inspection, and maintenance of essential public works facilities and operations;

- q) Workers who support the inspection and maintenance for ongoing safety at industrial facilities;
- r) Inspectors who ensure worksites are safe for workers, and who investigate serious workplace accidents;
- s) Workers who process and manage claims made by injured workers, including services related to their care and treatment as well as the provision of workers' compensation benefits;
- t) Hotels and places of accommodation;
- u) Activities of the Consuls General and staff who support the work of the Consuls General;
- v) Landlords of buildings where the consulates are located and those who guarantee access to consular offices as well as the operation of the consular offices.
- w) Storage for essential businesses;
- x) Businesses that provide materials and services for the operation, maintenance and safety of transportation systems (road, transit, rail, air, and marine) including delivery of maintenance services such as clearing snow, response to collisions, and completing needed repairs to transportation systems;
- y) Businesses that extract, manufacture, process and distribute goods, products, equipment and materials, including businesses that manufacture inputs to other manufacturers (e.g. primary metal/steel, blow molding, component manufacturers, chemicals, etc. that feed the end-product manufacturer);
- z) Vegetation management crews and traffic workers who support environmental remediation/monitoring, and who respond to environmental emergencies;
- aa) Businesses providing staffing services, including temporary labour services;
- bb) Businesses that support the safe operations of residences, essential businesses, and facilities/buildings;

### **Sanitation**

- a) Cleaning services necessary to provide and maintain disinfection;
- b) Manufacturing of sanitary products, household paper products, chemicals, microelectronics/semi-conductor, including companies that are able to retrofit their production facilities to produce goods/services that can be used to address critical shortages of sanitary and protective goods;
- c) Businesses that support environmental management/monitoring and spill clean-up and response, including environmental consulting firms, professional engineers and geoscientists, septic haulers, well drillers, pesticides applicators and exterminators, management of industrial sewage/effluent (e.g. for mining operations), and environmental laboratories;
- d) Waste (garbage and organics) and recycling collection, processing, and disposal;

### **Communications / Information sharing / IT**

- a) Workers maintaining IT and communications infrastructure for medical facilities, governments facilities, emergency response and command agencies, energy and utilities, and banks and financial institutions, employees working from home, and other critical infrastructure categories and personnel, including managing information and cyber-security incidents;
- b) Newspapers, television, radio, online news outlets, and other media services;

- c) Information technology, radio, cable providers, and telecommunications services, including phone, internet, wireless communications, and data centres; satellite operations, undersea cable landing stations, Internet Exchange Points, and manufacturers and distributors of communications equipment.

### **Non-Health Essential Service Providers**

- a) Feed, water, bedding, veterinary care, veterinary supply, transport and processing services for livestock, animal shelters and pets;
- b) Coroners and workers performing mortuary services, including funeral homes, crematoriums, and cemeteries, as well as workers supporting the appropriate handling, identification, storage, transportation, and certification of human remains;
- c) Banks, and their branches, credit unions, and related financial institutions, as well as workers who support security and technical operations supporting financial institutions;
- d) Capital markets, including the British Columbia Securities Commission, self regulatory organizations, exchanges, clearing agencies, and investment fund dealers, advisers, and managers;
- e) Services related to bankruptcy/credit restructuring and non-bank sources of capital; cheque-cashing outlets; money sending and money remittance services; currency exchange services; pawn brokers;
- f) Accounting, payroll, translation services, legal services and insurance providers; insurance assessment and adjudication providers;
- g) Plumbers, electricians, elevator maintenance providers, exterminators, property management services, custodial/janitorial workers, cleaning services, fire safety and sprinkler systems, building systems maintenance and repair technicians, engineers, mechanics, and other service providers who provide services that are necessary to maintaining the safety, sanitation, and daily essential operation of residences and commercial buildings;
- h) Educational institutions—including public and private K-12 schools, and public post secondary institutions—for purposes of facilitating remote learning or performing essential functions, including services that are needed to ensure the safety, security, welfare, integrity and health of the community, property and research and certain operational and contractual activities, if operating under rules for physical distancing or other recommendations from the PHO;
  - a. In relation to research universities, services including COVID-19-related research, residential housing and food services for students on-campus, building operations and risk management, animal care services, health services for students, IT including data security and infrastructure, finance/payroll/administration/HR/communications, and child care for essential university staff;
- i) Laundromats, dry cleaners, and laundry service providers;
- j) Restaurants and other facilities that prepare and serve food, if operating under rules for social and physical distancing or other recommendations from the PHO;
- k) Towing services and other vehicle repair/maintenance operations;
- l) Schools and other entities that provide free food services to students or members of the public, if operating under rules for physical distancing or other recommendations from the PHO;

- m) Construction work, in accordance with PHO direction; construction firms, skilled trades, and professionals, and; construction and light industrial machinery and equipment rental;
- n) Businesses that ensure global continuity of supply of primary and value-added forestry/silviculture products (e.g. lumber, pulp, paper, wood fuel, etc.) including soft-pulp products such as protective masks, gowns, drapes, screens and other hospital supplies as well as household paper products;
- o) Postal services including both public and private mailing, shipping, logistics, courier, delivery services, and post office boxes;
- p) Research services supporting essential sectors, including medical/clinical research and industrial research;
- q) All government (local, regional, provincial) functions or services.
- r) Businesses and non-profits that provide support services to citizens and businesses on behalf of government. These include but are not limited to: income assistance and disability assistance; pensions; residential tenancy; BC Services Card; drivers' licensing; affordable Child Care Benefit; Medical Services Plan (MSP); Forest-Worker Support Programs; Notary, Commissioner, Affidavits; Pesticide Exams; and Invigilation for Essential Trades; 1-888-COVID19; Verify by Video; and Helpdesk for BCeID;
- s) Weather forecasters;
- t) Businesses that ensure global continuity of supply of mining materials and products (e.g. metals such as copper, nickel and gold) and that support supply chains including:
  - a. Mining operations, production and processing,
  - b. Mineral exploration and development, including sand, gravel and aggregates
  - c. Mining supply and services that support supply chains in the mining industry including maintenance of operations, health and safety;
  - d. Smelters.
- u) Workers at operations centres necessary to maintain other essential functions;
- v) Professional services including lawyers and para-legals, engineers, accountants, translators;
- w) Land registration services, and real estate agent services;
- x) Building Code enforcement, inspection of buildings, building sites, and building systems by building officials, and Registered Professionals (Architects and Engineers);
- y) Public washrooms and hygiene facilities (toilets, handwash, showers) for unsheltered persons;
- z) Parks and greenspace for public health and sheltering (homeless).

PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

ORDER OF THE MINISTER OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND  
SOLICITOR GENERAL

*Emergency Program Act*

Ministerial Order No. M082

WHEREAS a declaration of a state of emergency throughout the whole of the Province of British Columbia was declared on March 18, 2020 because of the COVID-19 pandemic;

AND WHEREAS section 10 (1) of the *Emergency Program Act* provides that I may do all acts and implement all procedures that I consider necessary to prevent, respond to or alleviate the effects of any emergency or disaster;

I, Mike Farnworth, Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General order that the attached Bylaw Enforcement Officer (COVID-19) Order is made.

March 26, 2020

Date



Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General

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*(This part is for administrative purposes only and is not part of the Order.)*

Authority under which Order is made:

Act and section: Emergency Program Act, R.S.B.C. 1996, c. 111, s. 10

Other: MO 73/2020

## BYLAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER (COVID-19) ORDER

### Definitions

1 In this order:

“**bylaw enforcement officer**” means the following:

- (a) a person in a class of persons described in section 3 (c), (d) or (f) of the Community Charter Bylaw Enforcement Ticket Regulation, B.C. Reg. 425/2003, who is designated as a bylaw enforcement officer under
  - (i) section 264 (1) (b) of the *Community Charter*, or
  - (ii) section 264 (1) (b) of the *Community Charter* as that section applies to a regional district for the purposes of section 414 of the *Local Government Act*;
- (b) a person in a class of persons described in section 3 (d) of the Vancouver Charter By-law Enforcement Ticket Regulation, B.C. Reg. 189/2007, who is designated as a bylaw enforcement officer under section 482.1 (1) (b) of the *Vancouver Charter*;

“**health officer**” means the provincial health officer or a medical health officer within the meaning of the *Public Health Act*;

“**public health order**” means an order made by a health officer under the *Public Health Act* in respect of the COVID-19 pandemic.

### Application

2 This order only applies during the period that the declaration of a state of emergency made March 18, 2020 under section 9 (1) of the *Emergency Program Act*, and any extension of the duration of that declaration, is in effect.

### Bylaw enforcement officers to provide assistance

- 3 (1) To the greatest extent possible without unduly compromising any other bylaw enforcement objectives of the local authority, each local authority must ensure that the local authority’s bylaw enforcement officers provide such assistance as may be required for the purposes of enforcing public health orders, including, without limitation, the following:
- (a) monitoring facilities and areas closed to the public by a public health order;
  - (b) providing warnings, information and advice to businesses and members of the public in respect of public health orders, including warnings to businesses and members of the public who may be acting in contravention of a public health order;
  - (c) providing health officers with information in respect of potential contraventions of a public health order.
- (2) In providing assistance under this section, a bylaw enforcement officer is not authorized to
- (a) detain an individual as a result of a contravention or suspected contravention of a public health order, or

- (b) issue a fine or penalty, including an administrative penalty, under the *Public Health Act*.
- (3) Nothing in this section is to be construed as limiting any powers or duties of a bylaw enforcement officer under the *Community Charter*, *Local Government Act*, *Vancouver Charter* and related regulations or local authority bylaws, as the case may be.

PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

ORDER OF THE MINISTER OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND  
SOLICITOR GENERAL

*Emergency Program Act*

Ministerial Order No. M083

WHEREAS a declaration of a state of emergency throughout the whole of the Province of British Columbia was declared on March 18, 2020;

AND WHEREAS local governments, including the City of Vancouver, and related bodies must be able to conduct their business in accordance with public health advisories to reduce the threat of COVID-19 to the health and safety of members and employees of local government and related bodies and members of the public;

AND WHEREAS it is recognized that public participation in local governance is an essential part of a free and democratic society and is important to local governments' purpose of providing good government to communities;

AND WHEREAS the threat of COVID-19 to the health and safety of people has resulted in the requirement that local governments and related bodies implement necessary limitations on this public participation;

I HEREBY make the attached Local Government Meetings and Bylaw Process (COVID-19) Order.

March 26, 2020

Date



Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General

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*(This part is for administrative purposes only and is not part of the Order.)*

Authority under which Order is made:

Act and section: Emergency Program Act, R.S.B.C. 1996, c. 111, s. 10

Other: MO 73/2020



## LOCAL GOVERNMENT MEETINGS AND BYLAW PROCESS (COVID-19) ORDER

### Definitions

- 1 In this order:
  - “**board**” has the same meaning as in the Schedule of the *Local Government Act*;
  - “**council**” has the same meaning as in the Schedule to the *Community Charter*;
  - “**municipality**” has the same meaning as in the Schedule of the *Community Charter*;
  - “**municipality procedure bylaw**” has the same meaning as “procedure bylaw” in the Schedule of the *Community Charter*;
  - “**regional district**” has the same meaning as in the Schedule of the *Local Government Act*;
  - “**regional district procedure bylaw**” means a procedure bylaw under section 225 of the *Local Government Act*;
  - “**Vancouver council**” has the same meaning as “Council” in section 2 of the *Vancouver Charter*;
  - “**Vancouver procedure bylaw**” means a bylaw under section 165 [*by-laws respecting Council proceedings and other administrative matters*] of the *Vancouver Charter*.

### Application

- 2 This order only applies during the period that the declaration of a state of emergency made March 18, 2020 under section 9 (1) of the *Emergency Program Act* and any extension of the duration of that declaration is in effect.

### Open meetings - municipalities

- 3 (1) Despite
  - (a) Division 3 [*Open Meetings*] of Part 4 [*Public Participation and Council Accountability*] of the *Community Charter*, and
  - (b) any applicable requirements in a municipality procedure bylaw of a council, a council or a body referred to in section 93 [*application of rule to other bodies*] of the *Community Charter* is not required to allow members of the public to attend an open meeting of the council or body.
- (2) For the purposes of Division 3 [*Open Meetings*] of Part 4 [*Public Participation and Council Accountability*] of the *Community Charter*, if a council or a body do not allow members of the public to attend an open meeting under subsection (1) of this section, the open meeting is not to be considered closed to the public.

### Open meetings – regional districts

- 4 (1) Despite
  - (a) Division 3 [*Open Meetings*] of Part 4 [*Public Participation and Council Accountability*] of the *Community Charter*,

(b) section 226 [*board proceedings: application of Community Charter*] of the *Local Government Act*, and

(c) any applicable requirements in a regional district procedure bylaw of a board,

a board or a board committee established under section 218 [*appointment of select and standing committees*] of the *Local Government Act* is not required to allow members of the public to attend an open meeting of the board or committee.

- (2) For the purposes of Division 3 [*Open Meetings*] of Part 4 [*Public Participation and Council Accountability*] of the *Community Charter* as that Division applies to a regional district under section 226 of the *Local Government Act*, if a board or a board committee do not allow members of the public to attend an open meeting under subsection (1) of this section, the open meeting is not to be considered closed to the public.

#### **Open meetings - Vancouver**

**5** (1) Despite

(a) section 165.1 [*general rule that meetings must be open to the public*] of the *Vancouver Charter*, and

(b) any applicable provision in the Vancouver procedure bylaw, the Vancouver council or a body referred to in section 165.7 [*application to other city bodies*] of the *Vancouver Charter* is not required to allow members of the public to attend an open meeting of the council or body.

- (2) For the purposes of section 165.1 of the *Vancouver Charter* if the Vancouver council or a body do not allow members of the public to attend an open meeting under subsection (1) of this section, the open meeting is not to be considered closed to the public.

#### **Electronic meetings – municipalities**

**6** (1) Despite

(a) section 128 [*electronic meetings and participation by members*] of the *Community Charter*, and

(b) any applicable requirements in a municipality procedure bylaw of a council, a council or a body referred to in section 93 [*application of rule to other bodies*] of the *Community Charter* may conduct all or part of a meeting of the council or body by means of electronic or other communication facilities.

- (2) A member of a council or body who participates in a meeting by means of electronic or other communication facilities under this section is deemed to be present at the meeting.
- (3) Section 128 (2) (c) and (d) [*electronic meetings and participation by members*] of the *Community Charter* does not apply in respect of a meeting conducted by means of electronic or other communication facilities under this section.

#### **Electronic meetings – regional districts**

**7** (1) Despite

(a) section 221 [*electronic meetings and participation by members*] of the *Local Government Act*,

(b) the Regional District Electronic Meetings Regulation, B.C. Reg. 271/2005, and

(c) any applicable requirements in a regional district procedure bylaw of a board,

a board or a board committee established under section 218 [*appointment of select and standing committees*] of the *Local Government Act* may conduct all or part of a meeting of the board or committee by means of electronic or other communication facilities.

(2) A member of a board or board committee who participates in a meeting by means of electronic or other communication facilities under this section is deemed to be present at the meeting.

(3) Section 2 (2) (d) and (e) [*electronic meetings authorized*] of the Regional District Electronic Meetings Regulation does not apply in respect of a meeting conducted by means of electronic or other communication facilities under this section.

#### **Electronic meetings - Vancouver**

8 Despite

(a) section 164.1 [*meeting procedures*] of the *Vancouver Charter*,

(b) the City of Vancouver Council Electronic Meetings Regulation, B.C. Reg. 42/2012,

(b) any applicable provision in the Vancouver procedure bylaw,

the Vancouver council or a body referred to in section 165.7 [*application to other city bodies*] of the *Vancouver Charter* may conduct all or part of a meeting of the council or body by means of electronic or other communication facilities.

(2) A member of the Vancouver council or other body who participates in a meeting by means of electronic or other communication facilities under this section is deemed to be present at the meeting.

(3) Section 2 (2) (c) and (d) [*electronic meetings authorized*] of the City of Vancouver Council Electronic Meetings Regulation does not apply in respect of a meeting conducted by means of electronic or other communication facilities under this section.

#### **Timing requirement for bylaw passage – municipalities**

9 Despite section 135 (3) [*requirements for passing bylaws*] of the *Community Charter*, a council may adopt a bylaw on the same day that a bylaw has been given third reading.

#### **Timing requirement for bylaw passage – regional districts**

10 Despite section 228 [*bylaw adoption at same meeting as third reading*] of the *Local Government Act*, a board may adopt a bylaw described in that section at the same meeting at which the bylaw passes third reading if the motion for adoption receives the majority of the votes cast.

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## NEWS RELEASE

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Public Safety and Solicitor General

### Province takes unprecedented steps to support COVID-19 response

VICTORIA – Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General Hon. Mike Farnworth is using extraordinary powers under a state of provincial emergency to keep British Columbians safe, maintain essential goods and services, and support the Province's ongoing response to COVID-19.

These unprecedented steps, made based on the recommendation of B.C.'s health and emergency management officials and evoked for the first time under a provincial state of emergency, will support the Provincial Health Officer and Minister of Health in a coordinated cross-government approach to COVID-19 response and recovery.

"B.C. is in a strong position to effectively respond to and recover from the COVID-19 pandemic," said Minister Farnworth. "Informed by the direction of the Provincial Health Officer, we're taking these critical steps to keep our communities safe, goods moving, and essential service workers supported."

"Many local governments, First Nations and partners have stepped up to make sure they have prepared to protect their communities from the impacts of COVID-19. Today's measures will make sure communities are taking necessary steps, in coordination with the Province, to get ready should more action be required to combat COVID-19," added Minister Farnworth.

Using the extraordinary powers under the Emergency Program Act, the Minister is issuing a series of Ministerial Orders to ensure coordinated response to COVID-19 across all levels of government and in cooperation for the duration of the provincial emergency. These include:

- **Supply chain:** Establishing a new Provincial Supply Chain Coordination Unit to coordinate goods and services distribution; taking a more active role in coordinating essential goods and services movement by land, air, marine and rail; and, suspending any bylaws that restrict goods delivery at any time of day.
- **Protecting consumers:** Banning the secondary resale of food, medical supplies, personal protective equipment, cleaning and other essential supplies; and restricting quantities of items purchased at point of sale.
- **Enforcement:** Enabling municipal bylaw officers to support enforcement of the Provincial Health Officer's orders for business closures and gatherings, in line with offences under the Public Health Act.
- **Travel:** Ensuring all passenger and car ferry services provide minimum service levels and priority access for residents, and essential goods and workers.
- **Protecting our most vulnerable:** Making it easier to support critical services for vulnerable people, like food banks and shelters.

- **Coordination:** Suspending local states of emergency specific to the COVID-19 pandemic, with the exception of the City of Vancouver; giving municipal councils the ability to hold more flexible meetings to expedite decisions; and coordinating potential use of local publicly owned facilities, like community centres, for self-isolation, testing, medical care, warehousing and distribution.

The Province, in consultation with the Provincial Health Officer, has also defined essential services British Columbians rely on in their daily lives in the context of COVID-19 response and recovery. This is distinct from essential service designations under the Labour Code.

In consultation with the Public Health Officer, these services should and are encouraged to remain open; any business or service that has not been ordered to close by the Provincial Health Officer, and are not identified on the essential service list may stay open if they can adapt their services and workplace to the orders of the Provincial Health Officer.

“In these new and challenging times we are facing, we’re asking British Columbians to stay strong as a community, and together we can get through this,” said Health Minister Adrian Dix. “I’m proud of the strategic measures we have enacted government-wide to help our families and health-care workers, to keep them safe and supported. By issuing a series of Ministerial Orders, we recognize that this is not forever, but it is for now and with everyone stepping in and respecting the extraordinary means we have to take, we will overcome this.”

Minister Farnworth declared a provincial state of emergency on March 18, after Provincial Health Officer Dr. Bonnie Henry declared a Public Health Emergency on March 17. The Province has previously declared states of emergency in 1998, 2003, 2017 and 2018 – all related to wildfires. In each of those previous declarations, necessary actions were able to be done without issuing Minister’s orders under the Emergency Program Act.

#### Quick Facts:

- Declarations of provincial states of emergency may be issued by the minister responsible under the Emergency Program Act.
- The provincial government can extend the period of a declaration made by the minister responsible for further periods of time.
- During the 2017 wildfire season, the Province was in a provincial state of emergency for 10 weeks from July 7 to Sept. 15.

#### Learn More:

- For recommendations on protecting yourself and your community – including for employers, businesses, schools and those planning events of less than 50 – visit: [http://www.bccdc.ca/health-info/diseases-conditions/coronavirus-\(novel\)](http://www.bccdc.ca/health-info/diseases-conditions/coronavirus-(novel))
- For the COVID-19 pandemic preparedness and planning materials, visit: <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/health/about-bc-s-health-care-system/office-of-the-provincial-health-officer/current-health-topics/pandemic-influenza>.

- For more information and latest medical updates on COVID-19, follow the BCCDC on Twitter @CDCofBC or visit its website: <http://www.bccdc.ca/>
- For more information on non-medical issues like travel recommendations and how to manage social isolation, visit [www.gov.bc.ca/COVID-19](http://www.gov.bc.ca/COVID-19)

Two backgrounders follow.

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**Subject:** LNG Steering Committee Material: meeting today 5:30  
**Attachments:** LNG Steering Committee\_April\_14\_2020\_FINAL.pdf

The LNG SC is scheduled for today at 5:30.

Please find attached the deck I can walk you through at the meeting. Also happy to discuss any of the items with you one-on-one.

I thought you would find the most recent update from LNG Canada to be of interest. Please see forwarded email below.

Michelle

Michelle Carr

Assistant Deputy Minister

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**From:** Susannah.Pierce@lngcanada.ca  
**Sent:** Friday, April 10, 2020 9:31 AM  
**To:** Susannah.Pierce@lngcanada.ca  
**Subject:** Joint JGC Fluor / LNG Canada Update on COVID-19

Friends and Colleagues,

Below please find the joint LNG Canada JGC Fluor site update for your awareness. As always, any questions or comments, please don't hesitate to reach out.

Kindly,

Susannah

**April 9, 2020**

### **COVID-19 RESPONSE: UPDATE #6**

LNG Canada and JGC Fluor (JFJV) continue to implement important measures to help reduce the spread of the COVID-19 virus. As outlined in our previous [COVID-19 Response updates](#), we're taking firm and prudent actions to promote the safety and well-being of our project's workforce and the communities in which we live and operate.

Questions and comments related to the LNG Canada Project and our COVID-19 response can be sent to [info@jfvkitimat.com](mailto:info@jfvkitimat.com) or JFJV's community feedback line at 250-632-JFJV (5358).

### **UPDATED COVID-19 MEASURES TAKEN**

- Continue to post regular COVID-19 response updates to the LNG Canada and JFJV websites, including two new info infographics:
  1. [10 measures to reduce COVID-19 risks to the community and workforce](#)
  2. [10 steps to reducing the COVID-19 risks associated with commuter travel](#)
- LNG Canada and JFJV are closely following Transport Canada guidelines for materials shipping and delivery, and adhere to the federal government's directives, to ensure crews and shipments travelling to and from our project site do not put communities and workers at risk.

- Provided information to the community and answered questions about the project's COVID-19 risk mitigation plan and implementation at a well-attended Kitimat Chamber of Commerce virtual town hall on April 6. It can be watched on the Chamber's [Facebook page](#).

Our team members at site continue to progress essential activities while demonstrating their commitment to safety and environmental protection. We are proud to announce that the LNG Canada Project reached Goal Zero on site in March: zero harm to people, zero harm to the environment, and zero leaks. This was not an easy achievement given the varying levels of COVID-19-related effects at site and in people's work and personal lives. We commend their resilience, patience, flexibility and care for each other.

Our approach remains aligned with the Government of Canada and Government of B.C. notices for construction sites. We continue to monitor the situation and will adjust our plans and actions as required.

Stay safe.

Vince Kenny Berni Molz

LNG Canada Construction Manager JGC Fluor Construction Director



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# LNG Steering Committee

April 14, 2020

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## Agenda

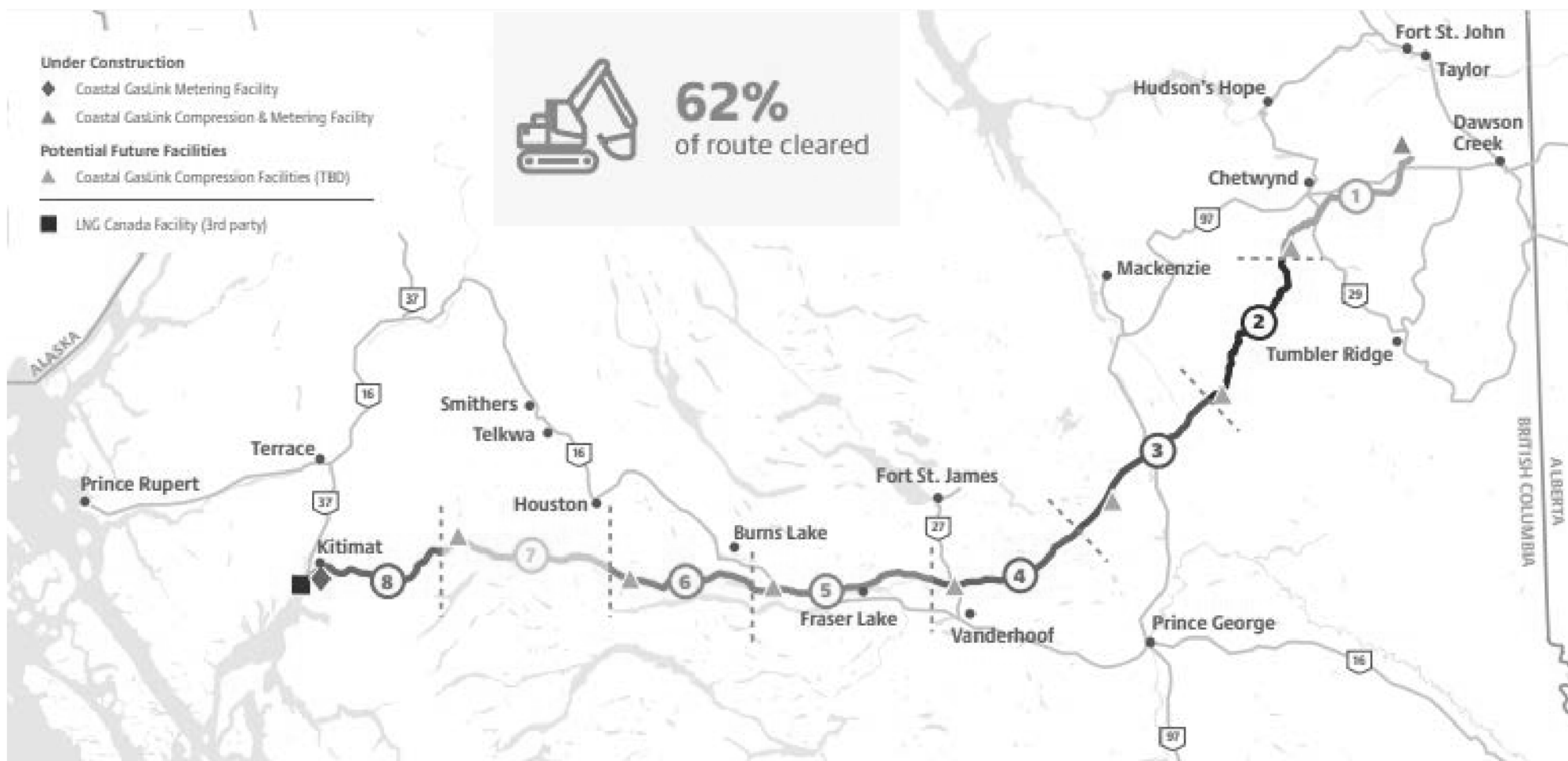
1. LNG Canada/CGL project updates
2. LNG Canada/CGL updates on COVID-19 responses
3. Local Government Engagement
4. Coastal GasLink Vanderhoof Workforce Accommodation
5. Coastal GasLink Environmental Assessment Certificate Condition 1
6. s.15; s.16
7. Economic Recovery
8. Key Dates

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## Coastal GasLink Construction Status (as of March 17):





## LNG Canada's Response to COVID-19

- Created an Incident Management Team - shares information daily among local companies, First Nations, and the District of Kitimat, Northern Health, first responders and stakeholders.
- Reduced workforce by more than 65%; reduced commuter traffic by more than 90%. The number of workers staying in workforce accommodations reduced from approximately 1,800 to 560. Focus is on essential work.
- Essential work includes additional safety, health and hygiene precautions (e.g., recommended social distancing protocols). All accommodation operators have increased cleaning and sanitizing regiments.
- Recently committed \$500,000 to support the community response to COVID-19 in both Kitimat and Terrace.



## Coastal GasLink's Response to COVID-19

- Construction has ramped down significantly – mostly because of the spring break-up period.
- Workforce is approximately 400 at this time, from 1,200 in February. Workers/contractors are primarily local. Travel and non-essential work suspended.
- Policies and protocols for employees, contractors and visitors are in place to manage health risk and prevent the spread of infection.
- Donated \$100,000 to United Way of Northern BC's COVID-19 Relief Fund.



## Local Government Engagement

- District of Kitimat has had 3 council motions relating to LNG Canada and COVID.
- Emergency Management BC has hosted calls with proponents, local governments and Indigenous leaders, EMPR and Northern Health to provide overview of government response to COVID-19, including guidelines for work camps. First call related to Site C.

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## Coastal GasLink Vanderhoof Workforce Accommodation

- Lease signed between Coastal GasLink and District of Vanderhoof for the workforce accommodation lodge.
- Coastal GasLink engaged with District of Vanderhoof and Nak'azdli Whut'en on imminent construction plans:
  - Small crew (12 workers) will create a “prep camp” at the site over 3-4 days (as early as this week). Once this is completed, workers will stay at the prep camp to construct the actual camp.
  - This camp will take approximately 42 days to build. Workers will remain at location.
  - COVID measures, including social distancing and minimal travel into Vanderhoof community, will be followed.



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## Updated: Critical Risks – Economic Recovery

- On April 6, 2020, the ADM Executive Project Board reviewed project implementation risks and endorsed a focus on economic recovery and supported planning and preparation to expedite ramp-up of LNG Canada and Coastal GasLink when it is safe to do so.
- Key priorities included supporting the companies in:
  - Following all the guidance and directions of the Provincial Health Officer;
  - Continued regulatory processes for necessary authorizations;
  - Securing a willing and able workforce; and
  - Maintaining support from communities (indigenous and non).
- Some work will either move forward at a slower pace in the short term given the capacity and priority of key agencies as well as company activities, or the Secretariat will provide more direct support to facilitate work.
- Communication and engagement remain a priority for the Secretariat.



## Updated: Project Board Critical Risks – Economic Recovery (short-term)

Status	Risk	Project Board Member Lead	Other Agency Participants
Priority	Communication	Secretariat	ALL
Priority	Natural Resource elements	OGC	EAO, ENV, FLRNO, MOTI, Secretariat
Slow	Direct Action	Secretariat	OGC, FLRNO, MIRR, MOTI, IGRS, EAO
Priority	Indigenous support	MIRR	Secretariat
Priority	Local Government/Regional District support	MAH	Secretariat
Slow	Community Well-being	MAH (overall)	Secretariat
	• Housing and Accommodations	MAH	Secretariat
	• Community Infrastructure	MAH	ENV, HLTH (Northern Health Authority), Secretariat
	• Emergency Services	Secretariat (Temp)	PSSG, HLTH, OGC, EMBC, HLTH (Northern Health Authority), Provincial Health Services Authority
	• Health and social services	Secretariat (Temp)	HLTH, PSSG, Northern Health Authority, Labour, SDPR, MMHA
	• Transportation	MAH (via SEMC)	MOTI, Secretariat
Priority	Workforce	AEST	JEDC, Secretariat
Slow	Climate	Secretariat	CAS, MEMPR
Priority	Economy and competitiveness	JEDC	MOTI, FIN, MEMPR, Secretariat

## Key Dates

Category	Issue	Date
Regulatory	CGL final Condition 1 report submit to EAO for decision	July 2020
Engagement	Burns Lake Engagement Session (was March 31, 2020)	Postponed
	Lake Babine Interagency Meeting (Burns Lake)	April 28, 2020
	LNG Canada: Social Management Roundtable (virtual meeting)	May 5, 2020

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Questions?

**From:** [Nikolejsin, Dave EMPR:EX](#)  
**To:** [Meggs, Geoff PREM:EX](#); [Ralston, Bruce EMPR:EX](#); [Cuddy, Andrew EMPR:EX](#)  
**Subject:** Fwd: Protective Measures to Address COVID-19 on the LNG Canada : JGC Fluor Worksite March 16, 2020  
**Date:** March 16, 2020 8:08:47 PM

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FYI

Dave Nikolejsin  
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Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources

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**Date:** March 16, 2020 at 8:01:21 PM PDT  
**To:** "Susannah.Pierce@lngcanada.ca" <Susannah.Pierce@lngcanada.ca>  
**Subject: Protective Measures to Address COVID-19 on the LNG Canada : JGC Fluor Worksite March 16, 2020**

Friends and Colleagues,

Exercising an abundance of caution that prioritizes the safety of our workforce and the local community, LNG Canada, JGC Fluor and our subcontractors will be reducing staffing levels, implementing a mandatory work from home policy for non-business critical positions, and deferring many non-essential work activities at the Kitimat site for the time being.

Essential work that will continue during this time includes seasonal activities that must take place within regulatory windows, activities which have commenced and need to be finished to safely secure the area, and unloading of material delivery vessels at the port. This work will be conducted with additional safety, health and hygiene precautions that follow recommended social distancing protocols and all other current recommendations for best practices.

#### **SITE STAFF REDUCTIONS**

The number of staff at our Kitimat site will be gradually reduced to half of current levels over the coming week. This will entail reducing the number of workers flying in on rotation.

LNG Canada, JFJV and our subcontractors continue to provide daily updates to our site workforce, linking our collective approach to the Government of Canada and Government of BC's active public health and travel health advisories, emphasizing strong reporting and full compliance to our travel policies.

#### **WORKER ACCOMODATIONS AND TRANSPORTATION**

LNG Canada and JFJV, together with our lodging and transportation providers, have put a number of measures in place to keep people safe and reduce the risk of COVID-19 transmission.

#### **Worker Accommodation**

- Gyms, recreational areas have been temporarily closed to reduce exposure
- Public area cleaning frequency has increased and is sanitized hourly; we have dedicated staff cleaning tables and chairs after use and increased the number of sanitizing stations around the lodges while mandating hand sanitizer usage prior to entering dining hall
- Dining room measures include cleaning common touch points such as juice machines every 15 minutes and removing practical touch points including salad bars, which are now served, and wrapping many items to eliminate tongs.

#### **Bussing and transportation**

- Buses and planes are sanitized twice daily
- Community Shuttle is cancelled, and we are limiting travel into local facilities
- Screening questions have been implemented in Charter Terminals. Advanced screening is also being implemented.
- Subcontractors are required to follow JFJV and LNG Canada self-imposed restrictions on nonessential personnel and 14-day quarantine prior to traveling to site for anyone who has travelled or has family members who have traveled to locations outside of Canada.

#### **ADDITIONAL SAFETY MEASURES**

Should there be a potential or confirmed case at the lodging:

- Quarantine procedures activated for individuals potentially or confirmed infected
- We will continue to review other measures including requiring in-room dining
- Testing and treating workers on site: To avoid putting strain on the Kitimat and Terrace communities, JFJV, LNG Canada and our subcontractors are using internal health care resources provided by ISOS and MEDCOR. ISOS and MEDCOR have Personal Protective Equipment, including N95 respirators, gloves, gowns etc that have been purchased outside the local area to avoid straining local community resources. We will provide testing for the project workforce, where necessary. We will notify Northern Health anytime we test someone and will follow any guidance Northern Health provides.

If you have any questions or feedback, please don't hesitate to reach out directly.

Yours truly,

Susannah

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**To:** [Meggs, Geoff PREM:EX](#)  
**Subject:** RE: PETRONAS Canada CEO Meeting Request  
**Date:** March 24, 2020 6:41:59 PM

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Yes, of course. MBR did have a conference call with Tim McMillan from CAPP on Friday and a half dozen CEOs, including Mark Fitzgerald. I understand a similar call is being set-up for PJH, MBR, and MCJ and currently scheduled for March 30.

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**From:** Meggs, Geoff PREM:EX <[Geoff.Meggs@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Geoff.Meggs@gov.bc.ca)>  
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Can MBR follow up?

Sent from my iPhone

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**Subject:** RE: PETRONAS Canada CEO Meeting Request

Thanks Geoff. I appreciate the response and effort.

I hope your team is managing okay through these challenging days.

Shannon

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To: Shannon Young <[syoung@petronascanada.com](mailto:syoung@petronascanada.com)>

Cc: Nash, Amber PREM:EX <[Amber.Nash@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Amber.Nash@gov.bc.ca)>; Brendan Galloway  
<[bgalloway@petronascanada.com](mailto:bgalloway@petronascanada.com)>

Subject: Re: PETRONAS Canada CEO Meeting Request

Hi Shannon - that's a big ask these days but we'll work on it.

Geoff

Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 23, 2020, at 9:56 AM, Shannon Young <[syoung@petronascanada.com](mailto:syoung@petronascanada.com)> wrote:

Good morning Geoff and Amber,

We want to commend you and the B.C. government broadly for your response to the COVID-19 pandemic so far. We appreciate your commitment to working with industry on short-term measures and longer term economic recovery.

As a B.C. operator, LNG Canada project partner, and one of the largest natural gas resource owners in the country, we have been an active participant in your government's Low Carbon Industrial Strategy with BCBC. We are requesting a half hour telephone meeting between PETRONAS Canada CEO Mark Fitzgerald and Premier Horgan to discuss ways we can ensure B.C.'s economic response to the pandemic supports the long term success of the upstream oil and gas and LNG sectors.

It is critical that we look past the current crisis and work to position British Columbia and Canada as a market for re-investment as you develop and implement your government's CleanBC, electrification and Indigenous reconciliation policy agendas.

Thank you for considering this request at what we know is a very busy and challenging time for your government.

Sincerely,

Shannon Young

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**Subject:** LNG Canada announces \$500,000 donation to COVID-19 Community Response  
**Attachments:** LNG Canada Announcement.CommunityResponseCOVID.19Funds.final03.27.2020.pdf

Friends and Colleagues,

Attached please find our announcement regarding a \$500,000 donation to support community response to COVID-19 in both Kitimat and Terrace.

Please don't hesitate to contact me with any questions or comments.

Kind regards,  
Susannah

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## LNG Canada announces \$500,000 to COVID-19 Community Response Funding

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**Attachments:** LNGC.JFJV COVID19 Update March 21.final.pdf

Friends and Colleagues,

Attached and below please see a joint update on LNG Canada and EPC JGC Fluor (JFJV) response to COVID-19. As always, any questions or comments, please don't hesitate to reach out.

Best,  
Susannah

**March 21, 2020**

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**Attachments:** Business\_Alert\_Turbulence\_at\_Home\_March2020.pdf

This is going out today as an update to our forecast in light of the COVID 19 and supply chain disruptions and blockades

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## BUCKLE UP: TURBULENCE AT HOME AND ABROAD PROMPTS A DOWNGRADE TO ECONOMIC OUTLOOK

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## **COVID-19 Economic Update for Cabinet Committee – APPENDIX: SECTOR IMPACTS**

(Prepared by Ministry of Jobs, Economic Development & Competitiveness)

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**UPDATE: April 27, 2020**

**COVID-19 impacts globally and in the province are having a far-reaching and cascading effect across almost all sectors of the B.C. economy.**

### **Accommodation**

- The BC Hotel Association estimates over 50% hotels are closed, with another 100 closures expected within a week; 30 percent of those businesses will not have the capacity to re-open.
- The Metro Vancouver Tourism and Hospitality Response and Recovery Task Force indicates that many government initiatives are inaccessible to the sector and that the need for immediate liquidity remains unaddressed.

### **Agriculture**

- The food processing sector is facing some supply chain disruptions and changing patterns in demand that may reduce variety and push up prices due to food service closures; retailers' difficulties in predicting demand; transportation issues; packaging availability; and labour pressures, including absenteeism and PPE availability.
- Two food processing plants have temporarily closed due to COVID-19 outbreaks: 500 workers of Cargill Ltd. in High River, AB were infected. This plant produces 40% of Western Canada's processed beef and is a key part of B.C.'s industry. Vancouver's United Poultry plant has 35 cases confirmed (Apr 24).

### **Child Care**

- B.C. is the only province that has not mandated closure of child care centres. About 85% have applied for Temporary Emergency Funding; out of those, 2/3 remain open, with the rest closed. Those that are open have fewer clients as many parents are keeping their children at home.

### **Construction**

- B.C. has seen at least 143 construction projects delayed as a result of COVID-19, valued at more than \$2.08B (including \$1.6B for the Woodfibre LNG Project).

### **Film and Television**

- The Canadian Media Producers Association indicates that a production shutdown from mid-March to June 30 will put \$2.5 billion in production at risk and impact up to 172,000 jobs Canada-wide.

### **Food and Beverage**

- Restaurants Canada estimates that 121,500 people are out of work in this sector in B.C.

### **Forestry (Incl. Wood and Paper Manufacturing)**

- In B.C., 24 sawmills are temporarily closed. Mills are going from curtailment - due to low market prices and demand - to closures. Industry reps have raised ineligibility for the CEWS as a concern.

### **International Students and Workers**

- TFWs are arriving in B.C. 450 people were expected this week (Apr 20) from Mexico.



- March 27: Canada updated its travel restriction exemptions for TFWs and international students. Travellers must isolate for 14 days upon arrival in Canada. Employers of TFWs are responsible for providing pay and benefits during this time. Logistical issues related to lack of flights remain.

### **Manufacturing**

- B.C. manufacturers continue to pivot to address critical COVID-19 supply shortages as well as minimize layoffs or even expand operations and staff.
- An April 17-20 CFIB survey found that 41% of manufacturers were fully open and 79% were eligible for CEBA.

### **Mining, Oil and Gas**

- Teck reported a Q1 net loss of \$312 million – compared with a Q1 profit of \$630 million in 2019 – due to COVID-19, blockades, and poor weather. At the end of March, Teck reduced staffing at four B.C. coal mines by 50%.
- On April 17, the federal government announced \$2B in targeted actions for Canada's energy sector, including up to \$120M to support the clean up of inactive and orphan oil and gas wells in B.C.

### **Retail**

- The Conference Board of Canada's Consumer Confidence Index fell to 47.6 in April—its lowest level ever.
- The food retail sector continues to change. Sysco, Canada's largest food service company, has entered the retail and online grocery sector; and delivery services struggle to keep pace.
- B.C. retail respondents to a CFIB survey (April 17-20) indicate that:
  - 61% are partially open and 20% are fully closed.
  - 87% pay commercial rent.

### **Small Business**

- B.C. small business respondents to a CFIB survey (April 17-20) reported that:
  - 53% won't be able to pay May's rent without additional assistance; 80% pay commercial rent.
  - 25% are fully open, 53% are partially open and 21% are fully closed.
  - 20% had gross sales revenues decline by 50%; 20% declined by 99%.
  - 75% are concerned about cash flow and 32% are concerned about closing permanently.

### **Technology**

- The Digital Technology Supercluster launched a \$60M fund to develop and deploy COVID-19 response technologies and has received 300 submissions to date.

### **Tourism and Travel**

- The Holland America Group has cancelled all 2020 Gulf of Alaska cruises, leading to the cancellation of itineraries for eight vessels homeported in Vancouver.

### **Transportation**

- Port of Vancouver has said COVID-19 recovery should be considered in the ruling on their Terminal 2 expansion; the project would increase container capacity, employment and business opportunities.

## Wensink, Alison PREM:EX

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**From:** Nikolejsin, Dave EMPR:EX  
**Sent:** March 29, 2020 12:40 PM  
**To:** Wright, Don J. PREM:EX; Kennedy, Christine PREM:EX; Allan, John FLNR:EX; Robb, Peter L. EMPR:EX  
**Subject:** Fwd: EMPR Work Camps  
**Attachments:** Work Camp Status\_EMPR.docx; ATT00001.htm

Here you go. Still waiting for some info from smaller guys.

Dave Nikolejsin  
Deputy Minister  
Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** "Carr, Michelle EMPR:EX"  
**Date:** March 29, 2020 at 12:34:21 PM PDT  
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**Cc:** "Robb, Peter L. EMPR:EX"  
**Subject:** Fwd: EMPR Work Camps

Michelle Carr  
Assistant Deputy Minister  
LNG Canada Implementation  
Ministry of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources

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**From:** "Anthony, Jennifer EMPR:EX"  
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**To:** "Robb, Peter L. EMPR:EX"  
**Cc:** "Carr, Michelle EMPR:EX" , "MacLaren, Les EMPR:EX" , "Mah-Paulson, May EMPR:EX"  
**Subject:** Re: EMPR Work Camps

Here's the updated version now with LNG Canada and May's newest info for her groups.

Give me a shout if you have any questions-thanks

Jen

**Jennifer Anthony**  
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**From:** Jennifer Anthony  
**Date:** Sunday, March 29, 2020 at 11:23 AM  
**To:** "Robb, Peter L. EMPR:EX"

**Cc:** "Carr, Michelle EMPR:EX" , "MacLaren, Les EMPR:EX" , May Mah-Paulson

**Subject:** EMPR Work Camps

Hi Peter please see the attached roll up of EMPR's knowledge of camps.

Outstanding is LNG Canada as per Michelle's email below, and I have not included smaller oil and gas drill camps for the time being unless there's a quick way of doing so.

I've been a bit ruthless in cutting down COVID measures as Don was asking for Coles' Notes version not full dissertations and I think it's safe to assume/have implied that all camps are following basic hygiene/sanitation practices as per PHO.

Thanks,

Jen

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**From:** "Carr, Michelle EMPR:EX"

**Date:** Sunday, March 29, 2020 at 10:54 AM

**To:** "Robb, Peter L. EMPR:EX" , Jennifer Anthony

**Subject:** Work Camp Status\_CGL

As requested by noon: here is the CGL workcamp status.

Note I'm awaiting confirmation of information from LNG Canada and will send separately as soon as I get it.

Michelle

### Work Camp Status

Name of Camp Mine/Project Associated	Work Camp and Location	Number of Workers Normal operations Current operations	Extraordinary measures put in place to deal with COVID Guidance sought from PHO	Complaints from local communities, First Nations, advocate groups
<b>MINES</b>				
Thompson Creek Metals Inc. – Mount Milligan Mine	The camp is located on the property of the Mount Milligan operating mine which is approximately 245 kilometers northwest of Prince George and approximately 100 kilometers from each of Fort St. James and Mackenzie.	<b>301</b> <b>301</b>	Unknown	None known.
Silvertip Coeur Camp-Silvertip Mine	The site is located approximately 9 km south of the Yukon border and 90 km southwest of Watson Lake, Yukon Territory.	Silvertip announced its closure pre-COVID <b>230</b> <b>42</b>	<p>Extended rotation to 3 weeks by 3 weeks to limit crew movements to/from site.</p> <p>Fly all staff by air Charters (Air North and Alkan)</p> <p>Full time RN on site under guidance of IRIDIA medical staff.</p> <p>Protocols to self-contain and treat. No COVID 19 incidents to date.</p> <p>Dorm available for medical isolation. Fully self contained. 46 rooms available with medical protocols in place.</p> <p>Screening staff prior to transport to site.</p>	No direct feedback or concerns raised to date.

			<p>Restricted site visitors and access to critical personnel.</p> <p>Only receiving essential deliveries to Camp and Mine: food, medical supplies, fuel for electricity generation</p>	
Brucejack-Brucejack Mine	75 km east of hwy km marker 215 on Highway 37, 65km north of Stewart	<b>575-600 (for 3 camps)</b> <b>300</b>	<p>Site is restricted to only those personnel required to ensure the essential operations of the mine.</p> <p>Non essential workers were sent off site with regular pay extended.</p>	Not aware of any complaints from local communities, First Nations or advocacy
Knipple-Brucejack Mine	56 km east of hwy km marker 215 on Highway 37, 65km north of Stewart	<b>70</b> <b>70</b>	<p>Extended rotation to 3 weeks by 3 weeks to limit crew movements to/from site.</p>	
Wildfire-Brucejack Mine	2km east of hwy km marker 215 on Highway 37, 65km north of Stewart	<b>30</b> <b>30</b>	<p>Number of people on buses was reduced.</p> <p>Health checks are being conducted by qualified health personnel at pick-up points for crew buses (Smithers, Terrace and Kitwanga) and at the Highway 37 security point for employees who drive.</p> <p>Communal areas reconfigured to support PHO guidelines.</p> <p>Persons who are sick are immediately isolated to their rooms with individual washrooms.</p> <p>Persons displaying flu-like symptoms are held on-site until symptoms have passed.</p>	
Newcrest Red Chris Mine	Near Iskut BC in the Tahltan Nation territory	<b>400-455</b> <b>380-400</b>	<p>Established an Emergency Management Team which meets twice daily and has daily access to the global Newcrest Crisis Management Team;</p>	<p>Iskut, Dease Lake and Telegraph Creek</p> <p>s.16</p>

		<p>Established screening protocols for all employees and contractors prior to boarding charter aircraft;</p> <p>Introduced screening at the Red Chris front gate of all employees, contractors, suppliers and visitors who have not journeyed via charter aircraft and added Occupational First Aid staff to conduct these assessments;</p> <p>Implementation of isolation protocols for personnel who are showing any flu symptom, with a dedicated section of the camp established.</p> <p>Implemented strict hand washing requirements and increased hand washing stations have been installed;</p> <p>Transition period introduced for employees from local communities of Iskut, Dease Lake and Telegraph Creek can return home to their communities by accessing Newcrest's "pandemic leave"</p> <p>Extended Roster reducing the number of crew changes</p> <p>Additional Medical Support in Iskut, Dease Lake and Telegraph Creek</p> <p>Support with Groceries and Health Supplies</p> <p>Tahltan Nation Development Corporation (TNDC) will match Newcrest employee commitments.</p> <p>Tahltan Nation Development Corporation (TNDC) will match Newcrest employee commitments.</p>	<p>s.16</p> <p>Have worked with EMPR on this stream.</p>
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Myra Falls Camp Lodge	Myra Falls is located in a provincial park in central Vancouver Island, British Columbia. The site is approximately 90 km from the local coastal town of Campbell River	<b>146</b> <b>75</b>	Communal areas reconfigured to support PHO guidelines.  Only disposable paper plates, paper cups and plastic cutlery are now used (Ceramic plates and cups and metal cutlery have been removed from service)  Fruit (apples, oranges) that were previously open access are now provided wrapped in plastic film wrap  Additional sanitization of rooms upon check out. Extra sanitization: walls next to the beds, all counter surfaces, sinks, showers, doors, closets, remotes, light switches, as well as shower, toilets, walls and floors in bathroom.	None
Kemano T2 Camp-Rio Tinto Kemano	Kemano, B.C.	<b>58</b> <b>58</b>	Note that these facilities are being operated in accordance with the project's COVID-19 protocols and applicable guidance from the BC health authorities.	
Horetzky Camp-Rio Tinto Kemano	Kemano, B.C.	<b>127</b> <b>127</b>		
Elk Valley Lodge- Teck Resources – Elkview plant upgrade / Fording River South Active Water Treatment Facility	Elkford	<b>480</b> <b>220</b>	Physical Distancing measures reducing number of passengers on buses;  Screening of people coming onsite  B.C. and Alberta mining operations are temporarily slowing down operations and further reducing crews by up to 50% of regular levels for an initial period of approximately 2 weeks, after which we will re-evaluate in light of the evolving situation	<b>Mayor of Elkford</b>

Huckleberry Camp-Huckleberry Mine	121 km south of Houston, BC on the Morrice forest service road.	<b>200</b> <b>2-5</b> Currently in Care and Maintenance	Good supply of cleaning products, and PPE.  Limited staff interaction and adhering to PHO guidelines.  Empty bunkhouses to put persons in who become sick or show symptoms.	No known complaints.
Uthman camp-Galore Creek Mine (50:50 Teck/Newmont Partnership)	Northwest BC, in Tahltan Territory. Helicopter accessible location 75km WNW of the Bob Quinn Airstrip (Hwy 37), and 85km SSW of Telegraph Creek	<b>80</b> <b>80</b> Seasonally operated camp from June-September	Physical Distancing measures reducing number of passengers on buses;  Screening of people coming onsite  B.C. and Alberta mining operations are temporarily slowing down operations and further reducing crews by up to 50% of regular levels for an initial period of approximately 2 weeks, after which we will re-evaluate in light of the evolving situation	
<b>COASTAL GAS LINK and LNG CANADA</b>				
CoastalGas Link General	Northeast	<b>1200</b> <b>400</b>	Workers residing in camps will wind down this coming week and CGL will focus on continuing to employ residents and local contractors to perform critical activities  Ongoing engagement of International SOS (ISOS) as the medical experts on Coastal GasLink ISOS are in the camps and on worksites providing 24/7 support including plan reviews.  ISOS onsite medics are monitoring the workforce for symptoms and all accommodation staff	s.13; s.16
Sitka	Kitimat	<b>249</b> <b>16</b>		
7 Mile Road	Burns Lake	<b>69</b> <b>72</b>		
Little Rock Lake Lodge	Nadleh	<b>111</b> <b>63</b>		
Sukunka	Chetwynd	<b>54</b> <b>21</b>		
All other camps		<b>0</b>		



			<p>Transmission prevention efforts in effect including enhanced health screening via questionnaire during daily camp admission and communications for all workers</p> <p>Implementing camp hygiene practices to mitigate contagious illness.</p> <p>Ongoing disinfection cycles for common areas, individual rooms, kitchen, and dining areas</p> <p>Working primarily with local workers. Prioritizing critical and essential work paths, such as erosion and sediment control, and clearing in sections to ensure river and wildlife safety, and delaying non-critical work.</p> <p>Incident Management Teams have been set up across TC Energy, Coastal GasLink, and with our prime contractors and workforce accommodation sites.</p>	
LNG Canada	three workforce accommodations operated by third party operators in Kitimat	<b>1956 694</b>	<p>Enhanced hygiene in communal areas, cleaned hourly and dining cleaned every 15 mins</p> <p>Reconfiguring communal areas to adhere to PHO guidelines.</p> <p>Increased cleaning and sanitization frequency for bus transportation, and community shuttle bus service has been cancelled</p> <p>Project vehicle passenger limit - pickup trucks shall have a maximum of 2 persons - the driver and one passenger in the rear passenger side of the vehicle</p>	s.13; s.16

			<p>Enhanced procedures at lodging facilities to ensure occupants are entering hygienically safe rooms. Once a guest vacates a room, the room is left untouched for seven days before cleaning services commence. If the room has housed an individual observing self-isolation, for any reason, the room is left 14 days before cleaning begins</p> <p>Increased screening before boarding charter flights, before checking into worker accommodations and before checking out of the accommodations.</p> <p>Reduced work-force that must travel commercial will be subject to Transport Board of Canada regulations; temperatures checks will be taken nm before checking into worker accommodations and before checking out of the accommodations</p> <p>Maximizing local workforce participation, resulting in less reliance on workers flying, reduced flight movement of workers from ~1000/week since March 17<sup>th</sup> to ~50/week due to extended indefinite rotations.</p>	
<b>PNG CAMPS</b>				
ConocoPhillips Work Camp – Drilling		Awaiting info		
ConocoPhillips Work Camp - Operations		Awaiting info		
CNRL South Helmet (KM13.5, Sierra Yoyo Desan		Awaiting info		

Resource Road)				
CNRL Ladyfern		Awaiting info		
CNRL Septimus (KM12.5 Sunset Road off Braden Road)		Awaiting info		
CNRL Ojay (Ojay Main Road, Tumbler Ridge Area)		Awaiting info		
Ovintiv Horn River		Small <15 person camp	Implemented COVID-19 control protocols (pre-screening, physical distancing, no open food buffets, enhanced cleaning, etc.) and suspended any non-essential work	s.13; s.16
Ovintiv Kiwigana (Tattoo Turnoff, 93.2 km on Hwy 77 North)		Small <15 person camp	Implemented COVID-19 control protocols (pre-screening, physical distancing, no open food buffets, enhanced cleaning, etc.) and suspended any non-essential work	
Petronas (Petronas run camp)		Awaiting info		
Petronas (Petronas uses a third party camp)		Awaiting info		

Tourmaline (Tournamaline is using the Royal 109 open camp)		Awaiting info		s.13; s.16
Horizon North (they run 4 open lodges in BC; these are used by folks in the natural resource sector)	Dawson Creek, FSJ, Kitimat	Website indicates that the capacity of each of these is: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Sanatas Open Lodge – 287 rooms, located between Dawson Creek and FSJ</li> <li>- Kobes Creek Open Lodge – 240 rooms, located north of FSJ</li> <li>- Crossroads Open Lodge (700 hotel-style rooms), Kitimat</li> </ul> Acho Horizon Open Lodge (196 rooms), north of Fort Nelson	Horizon North has indicated that they have strict COVID-19 protocols in place.	
<b>BC HYDRO</b>				
Site C located within the Peace River Regional District	<b>~ 10 km from Fort St John</b>	<p>Previously <b>1800</b> staying in camp, ~200 – 300 living within the community that work at the dam site</p> <p>Currently there are under <b>900</b> workers living in camp.</p> <p>There are additional ~300 - 400 construction workers living</p>	<p>Worker isolation for illness, such as flus, has been in place since camp opened, as have hygiene measure known to reduce the potential for infectious disease spread in camp settings.</p> <p>All non-essential components into care and maintenance on dam site.</p> <p>Screening moving on/off site</p>	<b><i>Local government and First Nations are mainly focused on trying to understand whether COVID is within their communities and if so, how many cases may be there and where they are coming from. In absence of that information, they a “stranger wary” and see anyone, including workers, coming</i></b>

		<p>across the north Peace that are working on the off dam site works such as transmission lines, forestry clearing, highway contraction.</p>	<p>Reconfiguring of communal areas to adhere to PHO guidelines.</p> <p>Reducing the number of on-site personnel by encouraging work from home where feasible;</p> <p>Holding daily pre-shift safety meetings (toolbox meetings) in smaller numbers; and</p> <p>Implementing physical distancing and hygiene measures on transport buses</p> <p>All of these measures have been done with the guidance of our on-site medical expertise within our camp health clinic services and infectious disease management from International SOS. A second opinion was sought by Doctor Allan Holmes from Iridia Medical. We have also been working closely throughout the camp operation, including throughout March 2020, with representatives from Northern Health.</p> <p>Ceased all on dam site work activities not critical to advancing diversion works, environmental requirements or off dam site activities.</p> <p>Required all employees and workers to apply the self-screening criteria every day prior to leaving their home or room for work and to self-isolate in place for 14 days should they exhibit any of the symptoms.</p> <p>Required all employees boarding chartered flights to be screen at the terminal prior to boarding to ensure no workers board flights to FSJ while exhibiting symptoms.</p>	<p>into their communities as a potential risk.</p> <p>Additionally, they have not had a forum to ask these questions as a region and as such, have been focusing on industrial camps for answers.</p> <p><b>Local government</b> representatives are not aligned on their concerns regarding the continued reduced operation at Site C camp. The majority of representatives seem to be okay with the reduced operation currently.</p> <p>Last weeks' concerns have been resolved regarding the idea of allowing self-isolated workers with low grade symptoms to isolate in motels with more amenities. This had been approved by the FSJ CAO and later rejected by the Mayor. No workers were moved into motels and all self-isolated workers will remain at camp.</p> <p>Local government representatives are not actively focused on having Site C closed.</p>
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				<p>Since the teleconference on March 22<sup>nd</sup> with the PRRD Board, Northern Health and BCH, local government reps have not been voicing concerns to BCH regarding Site C.</p> <p>A similar informational call was held March 27<sup>th</sup> with the Treaty 8 First Nations, Northern Health and BCH and questions seems to be more about understanding the facts within Site C and the region regarding COVID activities.</p> <p>Seeing individuals on Twitter opposing continuation with the project, but those seem to be the same individuals that are vocally opposed to the project regularly.</p>
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## Wensink, Alison PREM:EX

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**From:** Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX  
**Sent:** March 27, 2020 9:18 AM  
**To:** MacDonald, Alex LBR:EX  
**Subject:** Re: Pipeline construction

Thanks Alex,  
Would be great if your comms team could take this on.

Jen Holmwood  
Deputy Communications Director, Press Secretary  
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On Mar 27, 2020, at 9:09 AM, MacDonald, Alex LBR:EX <Alex.MacDonald@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

We've got the construction sites.  
I'll get you a couple bullets shortly.  
-Alex

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**From:** Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX <Jen.Holmwood@gov.bc.ca>  
**Sent:** March 27, 2020 9:06 AM  
**To:** MacDonald, Alex LBR:EX <Alex.MacDonald@gov.bc.ca>; Cuddy, Andrew EMPR:EX <Andrew.Cuddy@gov.bc.ca>  
**Subject:** Fwd: Pipeline construction

Hi folks,  
Not sure which of your comms shops is working on this, but passing it your way for response. Thanks.

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**To:** "Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX" <[Jen.Holmwood@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Jen.Holmwood@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Subject:** Pipeline construction

Hello Jen,

I don't know if you're the best person to ask, but I would like to know what has been the directive given by the BC government to construction sites?

I hear that the construction of TMX and CGL are ongoing during the pandemic. Is the government aware of that and agrees with that?  
Are there any specific directives issued for those construction sites?  
Tell me everything that you have on this  
Thanks

Hélène Buzzetti  
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## Mulloy, Eleanor PREM:EX

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**From:** Kristianson, Eric PREM:EX  
**Sent:** March 18, 2020 8:37 AM  
**To:** Wright, Don J. PREM:EX; Kennedy, Christine PREM:EX  
**Subject:** Palmer-Site C

Palmer: Yes, and we heard yesterday a very different approach being taken between the two mega projects in the North. So the new LNG terminal in Kitimat. I gather that they're starting to reduce the workforce there temporarily. Whereas Site C, as far as I know, up in the northeast is still going ahead.

The medical health officer said that Northern Health, which is the health region for that part of the province has talked to BC Hydro about that huge work camp there, about measures for self isolating and so forth, but there are according to BC Hydro, several 1,000 people working on that project. And they... many of them live in what is affectively an apartment complex where they share all kinds of facilities. So I don't know whether that's going to continue or not. You can see the dilemma. It's critical to maintaining paycheques and employment in that part of the province, but the flip side is what if the virus gets into the community?

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**Cc:** Giles, Alison GCPE:EX ; Karemaker, Kent GCPE:EX ; Grewar, Colin GCPE:EX  
**Subject:** IB\_CIM\_reco's\_March 18 draft 1\_TD

Hi JIC and co,

Attached is the draft IB that's currently through EMPR approvals, awaiting MBR sign-off, regarding the Chief Inspector of Mines' statement sent to mine managers and stakeholders today.

The KM/QA is running through approvals currently as well. (disregard that I put IN in the file name... it's an IB)

I'm hoping you can review for accuracy of language, in terms of the PHO directive, and suggest the relevant links to include at the bottom, plus any other edits/etc coming from the well-oiled machine!

I understand Robyn has a time set aside for this in the CC post-PHO presser this afternoon.

As an FYI, BC Hydro currently has an IB drafted for release around 2:30 PM regarding Site C work camp activity ramping down.

Please let me know next steps,

Thanks!

Meghan

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**From:** [Kristianson, Eric PREM:EX](#)  
**To:** [McLaren, Chris PREM:EX](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Terrace  
**Date:** March 19, 2020 3:24:00 PM

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No, they'll be fine  
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**From:** McLaren, Chris PREM:EX  
**Sent:** March 19, 2020 2:46 PM  
**To:** Kristianson, Eric PREM:EX  
**Subject:** FW: Terrace

Eric,  
Here is some info from Terrace.  
Do you think that FIN or MAH needs this info or are they prepared to respond to these concerns?  
I have confirmed call in details for both DMs and MSR. The DMs will not stay on the call with Terrace.  
Chris

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**From:** Elizabeth Cull <[Elizabeth.Cull@hkstrategies.ca](mailto:Elizabeth.Cull@hkstrategies.ca)>  
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**Cc:** Heather Avison <[havison@terrace.ca](mailto:havison@terrace.ca)>  
**Subject:** Re: Terrace

Hi again, Chris.  
I noted that you asked for an agenda for the meeting. Heather Avison, CAO for Terrace, asked that I send this to you:  
*We asked for this meeting originally to discuss the challenges Terrace is facing as a result of the LNG Canada project since your schedule did not have room for a meeting when you were in Terrace in January. Since requesting the meeting, we have had meetings with Suzanne Pierce of LNG Canada, and with Tara Faganello and Lori Wanamaker and seem to be making some progress. We do not think this needs to be a lengthy call but we think it may be helpful for the Premier to know what support we need from BC and LNG Canada and how we are managing with the Covid-19 situation.*  
Let me know if you have any questions.  
Elizabeth

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**From:** [eric](#)  
**To:** [Hockin, Amber PREM:EX](#)  
**Cc:** [Kristianson, Eric PREM:EX](#)  
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**Date:** March 24, 2020 5:07:00 PM  
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**From:** Alexis, Greg  
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**To:** Sauer, Darwin  
**Subject:** FW: Current FSJ Special Counsel Meeting  
Summary from Shanna to Chris et al

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**From:** Mason, Shanna  
**Sent:** 2020, March 24 4:47 PM  
**To:** McKenzie, Ken; Duke, Ken; Prior, Nicole; Alexis, Greg; O'Riley, Christopher  
**Cc:** Deeley, Anna; Pepper, Nancy; Conway, David  
**Subject:** Current FSJ Special Counsel Meeting  
Hi All,

There focus is three things:

They want:

1. any industry workers that are required to self isolate at home so they don't fall sick at camp and then need to go to their hospital. (They want Northern Health to agree to us doing this.)
2. to ensure no local price gouging
3. to manage service delivery locally

7 days would be the order

They **do not** want industry (Site C) gone as a whole. One or two do but not the Mayor or the majority based on the discussion.

Much of the discussion is non Site C related. Discussion about the impacts of such an order on their community, what authority it actually gives them, how they enforce it and what feeling and message it would creating in the community.

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**From:** Sauer, Darwin  
**Sent:** 2020, March 24 3:49 PM  
**To:** O'Riley, Christopher  
**Cc:** Alexis, Greg; McKenzie, Ken  
**Subject:** RE: IMPORTANT: FSJ ARTICLE

PO just called again and provided the additional:

- FSJ about to declare a state of emergency
- It will specifically bar Site C workers from coming into town
- Regional District to issue an eviction notice for the project (of course this isn't enforceable)
- Laurie Halls and Stephen Brown to convene a call with u, NH and FSJ.

Thanks

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