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Tuesday, June 29, 2021

Events, Speeches & Releases

Tue Jun 29	Lead	Activity/Details	RLS	CC ID
7:30 AM	EMBC	Provincewide statement -- 10th anniversary of passing of GSAR volunteer Sheilah Sweatman	BCGov STMT	EMB 1027
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10:30 AM	MMHA	Statement from Minister Malcolmson in response to latest BC Coroners service report issued at 10:00am, see BCCS-103510	BCGov STMT	MMH 1035
12:15 PM CHANGED	TACS	VICTORIA (RBCM Media Avail) -- Royal BC Museum press conference and news release: Report on racism & discrimination allegations and next steps	3rd party NR	TAC 1031
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3:00 PM	TRAN	VIRTUAL REMARKS -- Minister of State Bowinn Ma speaks to Chilliwack Chamber of Commerce: Q&A to follow	-	TRAN 10338
3:00 PM	COVID	Provincewide statement only -- Joint PHO/HLTH release on COVID-19 cases in B.C. Materials also translated into Traditional Chinese and Punjabi. Time is approx.	Joint STMT	COVI 10353
3:45 PM NEW	AFF	Regional news release -- Safe camping funding for seasonal Canadian Fruit pickers in the Okanagan and Creston Valley (COVID-related)	BCGov NR	AFF 10347

ISSUES AND REPORTS

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3:00 PM	TRAN	VIRTUAL REMARKS -- Minister of State Bowinn Ma speaks to Chilliwack Chamber of Commerce: Q&A to follow	-	TRAN-103385
3:00 PM	COVID	Provincewide statement only -- Joint PHO/HLTH release on COVID-19 cases in B.C. Materials also translated into Traditional Chinese and Punjabi. Time is approx.	Joint STMT	COVID-103535
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
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Tuesday, Jun. 29, 2021 to Monday, Jul. 5, 2021

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Wednesday, June 30, 2021

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Time TBD	AG	Joint Fed/Prov regional news release -- Affordable rental housing project breaks ground in Burnaby. Date may change, TBC (RESULTS)	Joint NR	AG-102302
Time TBD	EMBC	Federal news release -- COVID-19 Resilience Infrastructure Stream - Flood Funding (Fed/Prov). Provincial quote included. Date may change, TBC	NR	EMBC-103441
s.13	PREM	Opinion editorial from Premier John Horgan and Doug Porter on Lower Post: Direct-send to one regional outlet only	BCGov OpEd	PREM-103575
s.13	TRAN	Provincewide ministry news release -- Container Trucking Commissioner consultation	BCGov NR	TRAN-103430
8:00 AM	PSSG	Provincewide news release -- Ticket Sales Act coming into force on July 1, 2021 (OIC-related)	BCGov NR	PSSG-102936
8:30 AM	EDUC	Provincewide news release, web post only -- Results of second half of federal safe schools funding announcement (COVID-related)	BCGov NR	EDUC-102160
8:45 AM TBC	IRR	Regional information bulletin -- Hold for MIRR, time is approx.	BCGov IB	IRR-103568
9:00 AM	IRR	VIRTUAL -- Minister Murray Rankin and others may participate in UBCIC Chiefs Council on Kamloops Indian Residential School: Takes place from 9:00am to 1:00pm	-	IRR-103569
9:30 AM	CITZ	Regional news release -- Bridge River Valley internet upgrade (RESULTS)	BCGov NR	CITZ-102043
9:45 AM	TRAN	Regional information bulletin -- Ten Mile Slide Project update	BCGov IB	TRAN-101174
10:00 AM	FLNRO	Regional news releases x 6 -- Community Resiliency Investment grants (RESULTS)	BCGov NR	FLNRO-102446
10:30 AM	PSSG	Provincewide information bulletin -- Hold for PSSG (OIC-related)	BCGov IB	PSSG-103436
10:45 AM	FIN	Provincewide news release -- Select Standing Committee on Finance & Government Services releases Budget consultation paper and kicks off consultation inviting British Columbians to share their priorities & ideas for next provincial budget	BCGov NR	FIN-103556
11:00 AM CHANGED	MMHA	VICTORIA (Virtual) -- Minister Malcolmson announces investment into mental health supports for children, teens, and families: Joint provincewide news release also issued. Translations: Multiple (RESULTS), EVENT LEAD: Elena Banfield	Joint NR 11:15 am	MMHA-102633
11:30 AM	IRR	LOWER POST -- Hold for Residential School Tear-Down Ceremony: A former residential school building will be demolished and replaced with a cultural centre EVENT LEAD: Joleen Badger	3rd party	IRR-103161
1:00 PM CHANGED	AG	Provincewide news release -- New Residential Tenancy regulations for capital improvements and renovations. Changes come into effect on July 1, 2021 (OIC-related)	BCGov NR	AG-103201
1:30 PM	EMLI	VIRTUAL (via Zoom) -- Minister Bruce Ralston and MP Patrick Weiler speak at Natural Resources Canada-led announcement on EV charging network in B.C. Federal news release also issued with provincial quote	NR	EMLI-103444
2:15 PM	TRAN	VICTORIA -- Minister Rob Fleming speaks at BC Transit's Victoria RapidBus Strategy announcement: BC Transit news release also issued	3rd party NR	TRAN-103189

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3:00 PM	COVID	Provincewide statement only -- Joint PHO/HLTH release on COVID-19 cases in B.C. Materials also translated into Traditional Chinese and Punjabi. Time is approx.	Joint STMT	COVID- 103536

Thursday, July 1, 2021**Events, Speeches & Releases**

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7:30 AM	PREM	Statement from Premier John Horgan for Canada Day Translations: Multiple	BCGov STMT	PREM- 103495
3:00 PM	COVID	Provincewide statement only -- Joint PHO/HLTH release on COVID-19 cases in B.C. Materials also translated into Traditional Chinese and Punjabi. Time is approx.	Joint STMT	COVID- 103537

Friday, July 2, 2021

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Fri Jul 2	Lead	Activity/Details	RLS	CC ID#
Time TBD	AG	Regional news release -- Opening of an affordable rental housing project, located at 755 Old Hope Princeton Way, the project will provide 45 homes for Elders and families. Date may change, TBC (RESULTS)	BCGov NR	AG- 103195
7:30 AM NEW	FLNRO	Provincewide information bulletin -- Groundwater Licence application deadline is fast approaching	BCGov IB	FLNRO- 103581
8:00 AM	EMLI	Regional news releases x 5 -- New EV charging station projects through Go Electric Public Charger program (RESULTS)	BCGov NR	EMLI- 102600
9:00 AM	FLNRO	Provincewide information bulletin -- Open Access to LiDAR Data: "light detection and ranging" data is becoming free to access for anyone, where once a cost associated with it kept it from many small groups and businesses	BCGov IB	FLNRO- 103361
9:45 AM	EMLI	Provincewide news release -- Amendments to Greenhouse Gas Reduction Regulation. Quote from FortisBC included (RESULTS)	BCGov NR	EMLI- 103320
12:30 PM	AG	Regional news release -- Construction is starting on a 35 unit supportive housing building for Indigenous Elders who are experiencing homelessness. Part of a 250 unit Urban Village housing project led by the Aboriginal Housing Society of Prince George (RESULTS)	BCGov NR	AG- 103000
3:00 PM	COVID	Provincewide statement only -- Joint PHO/HLTH release on COVID-19 cases in B.C. Materials also translated into Traditional Chinese and Punjabi. Time is approx.	Joint STMT	COVID- 103538

No Activities for Saturday, July 3, 2021

No Activities for Sunday, July 4, 2021

Monday, July 5, 2021

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Time TBD CHANGED	TRAN	Regional news release -- Taylor Bridge engagement, bridge user group recruitment launch	BCGov NR	TRAN- 99363
Time TBD NEW	AG	Regional news release -- Opening of 40 new supportive homes in Surrey. Date may change, TBC (RESULTS)	BCGov NR	AG- 102896
s.13	PSSG	Provincewide information bulletin -- Hold for PSSG	BCGov IB	PSSG- 103529
8:00 AM NEW	CFD	Provincewide news release -- \$10-a-day Universal Child Care prototype sites application launch (RESULTS)	BCGov NR	CFD- 103501
9:00 AM NEW	AEST	Provincewide news release -- Return-to-Campus Guidelines (COVID-related)	BCGov NR	AEST- 103171
10:00 AM NEW	AFF	Joint Fed/Prov news release -- B.C. Indigenous Agriculture Development Program intake opens	Joint NR	AFF- 103252
10:30 AM NEW	HLTH	Joint regional news release -- Granville MRI Clinic opening (RESULTS)	Joint NR	HLTH- 103582

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Jul 1	FIN-101222	Speculation and vacancy tax due: All SVT levied is due by end of day today. Penalties may be applied on owners who fail to declare or pay by this date (RESULTS)	Issue	-
Jul 1	FIN-103290	Tobacco tax rates for cigarettes, heated tobacco products and loose tobacco increase July 1, 2021: The tax rate on cigarettes increases on this date to 32.5 cents from 29.5 cents per cigarette (to \$65 from \$59 per carton of 200 cigarettes). The default tax on heated tobacco products is also increased to 32.5 cents from 29.5 cents per heated tobacco product. A heated tobacco product is one that contains tobacco and is designed to be heated, but not combusted, in a tobacco heating unit to produce a vapour for inhalation. Also, the tax rate on loose tobacco (tobacco in a form other than cigarettes, cigars or heated tobacco products) is increased to 65 cents from 39.5 cents per gram on this date. Many people roll their own cigarettes to save money; as of July 1, loose tobacco will be taxed at the same level as pre-made cigarettes	Issue	-

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Jul 1	FIN-103313	Climate Action Tax Credit holds at current rate until 2022: The BCCATC increased in 2020 to support businesses and families during the pandemic. The tax credit is tied to the carbon tax. The carbon tax increase was delayed by one year due to the pandemic and will increase in 2022 to align with the tax credit	Issue	-
s.13	AG-103429	Hold for possible opening of virtual Indigenous Justice Centre (Date TBD): There are currently three of these, with the Province committing to create more in partnership with BC First Nations Justice Council over the coming years. Provincewide joint news release to be issued	Issue	Joint NR
	FLNRO-103345	Habitat Conservation Trust Foundation funding approval for 14 caribou habitat restoration projects announced (Date TBD): Joint provincewide NR will be issued	Issue	Joint NR
	LBR-100438	Hold for possible appointment announcement (Date TBD): Provincewide news release will be issued; possibly between May and July	Issue	BCGov NR
Jul 5-9 TBC CHANGED	FIN-102951	Hold for FIN (Date TBD): Third-party release	Issue	3rd party Report
s.13	AG-103318	Youth supportive housing project proposed for Kamloops (Date TBD): Regional news release will be issued. The non-profit partner is planning to submit a development permit application to the city in mid-June, date TBC. If approved, funding will come out of the Province's Building BC: Supportive Housing fund	Issue	BCGov NR
	FIN-103356	Hold for possible FIN announcement: Potential media avail and provincewide news release	Issue	BCGov NR
	HLTH-67102	PHO/FNHA Joint Report – Health and well-being of Aboriginal girls and women in B.C. (Date TBD): Originally two separate reports, now combined into one	Issue	3rd party Report
	HLTH-78414	PHO Report - Assessing public health impacts of modernizing BC liquor laws (Date TBD): Report is being developed in consultation with UVIC's Centre for Addiction Research (CARBC). May be an announcement with event, TBC by PHO	Issue	3rd party Report
Jul 5-16 TBC CHANGED	AG-102520	BC Housing Q2 Report, web post only (Date TBD): BC Housing offers a range of subsidized and affordable housing options in the province. This report explains progress toward ensuring residents of BC have affordable places to call home. Includes an update on the plan to build 114,000 homes over 10 years	Issue	3rd party Report
Jul 5-16 TBC NEW	MMHA-103310	Investment to expand low or no-cost community counselling (Date TBD): Provincewide ministry news release will be issued, COVID-related	Issue	BCGov NR
s.13	EMLI-95638	Skagit Notice of Work Permit Application Rendered (Date TBD): EMLI received a Notice of Work application from Imperial Metals for the Skagit/Donut Hole region. The Statutory Decision Maker is due to render their decision soon. There has already been significant media coverage of this and likely any decision will continue to do so given the application area's proximity to EC Manning Park	Issue	-
s.13	ENV-98195	Scientists seek solution to yellow cedar decline in Great Bear Rainforest (Date TBD): Provincewide news you can use will be issued	Issue	BCGov NYCU
	ENV-101305	Hold for possible B.C. Parks announcement in northeast B.C. (Date TBD): OIC-related. Joint provincewide ENV/FLNRO news release will be issued	Issue	BCGov NR
	HLTH-90924	Hold for possible Health program announcement (Date TBD): Provincewide news release will be issued	Issue	BCGov NR

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	HLTH-101682	Hold for possible MRI delivery update (Date TBD): Provincewide news release will be issued (RESULTS)	Issue	BCGov NR

CONSULTATIONS AND DIALOGUES

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Ongoing	For a list of all Public Consultations & Dialogues: Visit GovTogetherBC: Find opportunities where British Columbians can listen, get informed and speak up. Browse by status to see consultations that are open, closed or those that have results posted. Browse by category to see consultations on topics of interest or browse by region for consultations in different areas. https://engage.gov.bc.ca/govtogetherbc/consultations-and-dialogues	CITENG-103445

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Time TBD NEW	AG-102775	Capital Regional District news release -- Affordable rental seniors housing project breaks ground today in Langford: Project will provide 58 affordable rental homes for low to moderate-income seniors (RESULTS)	FYI	3rd party NR

AWARENESS DATES

Date	Name	CC ID#
Jun 1-30	Thyroid Awareness Month	HLTH-102624
Jun 1-30	Men's Health Month	HLTH-102626
Jun 1-30	Brain Injury Awareness Month	HLTH-102631
Jun 1-30	National Indigenous History Month: Honouring the history, heritage and diversity of Indigenous peoples and appreciating and acknowledging the contributions First Nations, Inuit and Métis people have made in shaping Canada	IRR-102888
Jun 1-30	Deafblind Awareness Month: Provincial Proclamation	HLTH-102965
Jun 1-30	Italian Heritage Month: Opportunity to honour the history, culture, and contributions of Italian-Canadians in B.C.	AG-103030
Jun 1-30	Filipino Heritage Month: Provincial Proclamation. The observance of this event aims to strengthen people's consciousness, respect, and love for the legacies of Filipino cultural history in B.C. Statement from PS Singh and PS Elmore issued on June 2 at 11:00am, see AG-103297	AG-103031
Jun 28-Jul 4 CHANGED	Victoria Pride Week: Annual event celebrating the 2SLGBTQ+ community. UPDATE: Kick-off photo-op takes place June 28 at noon at Legislature, see FIN-103288	FIN-102983
Jul 1	2021 All Canadians Simultaneously Drumming Celebration: Guinness World Record attempt: a nationwide simultaneous drumming event & multicultural drumming performance	AG-103046
Jul 5 NEW	National Injury Prevention Day: Provincial proclamation. Raise awareness about the devastating effects of predictable and preventable injuries	HLTH-103094

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Jun 29 10:30 AM	FIN-103573	B.C. Court of Appeal set to rule on the constitutionality of the Province's foreign buyers tax: B.C. won a Supreme Court ruling but it was appealed. Justice Gregory Bowden dismissed Jing Li's claim that B.C.'s foreign buyers tax is discriminatory. Media attention will be significant if the claimant's appeal is successful, which will likely result in an overhaul of the Province's foreign tax framework	Issue	-
s.13	FIN-103558	BC Securities Commission releases BC Capital Market Report (Date TBD): BCSC to release BC Capital Market Report, which will include some data showing the effect on COVID-19 on BC's capital markets, including an increase in total BC market value in 2020	Issue	3rd party Report
Jun 30	FIN-101254	Last day to apply for B.C. Recovery Benefit: Provides up to \$500 for single people and up to \$1,000 for families as part of B.C.'s COVID-19 supports for eligible people and families. No news release planned but social media posts will take place in final couple of weeks leading up to this date	Issue	-
Jun 30 2:00 PM TBC	IRR-102567	Deposit of second annual report on Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act: The report supports government accountability and transparency on progress towards alignment of laws and the forthcoming Declaration Act action plan. Deposit with the Clerk's office is required by June 30, 2021. Time is approx. Will be web posted after that	Issue	Report
Jun 30 3:30 PM	JERI-102908	Better Regulations for British Columbians Annual Report 2020/21, web post only: JERI posts this annual legislated report to the B.C. government website. It provides an overview of cross-government progress towards the regulatory and services improvement goals. No proactive communications planned, only soft post to the website. Date confirmed; time is approx.	Issue	BCGov Report
s.13	EMLI-103463	BC Hydro information bulletin -- Report on Demand for Electric Vehicles (Date TBD): BC Hydro releases report that finds there is a pent-up demand for EVs due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Latest in a series of earned media reports released by BC Hydro over the past year to highlight BC Hydro as a provider of clean energy. Timed to support BC Hydro launching their summer EV advertising campaign, which starts on s.13 Embargoed copy provided afternoon before to capture morning media run	Issue	3rd party IB

Outside Government

In the News

Tue Jun 29	CC ID#	Activity/Details	Category	Rls
Tue Jun 29	TACS-103198	PavCo news release -- Art in the Community: Slogans for the Class of 2030. On the videoboard at Vancouver's Terry Fox Plaza, this dynamic new art exhibition will be displayed for the first time, free to the public, from June until November 15, 2021. Date confirmed but exact time not known. Quote from Minister Mark included	FYI	3rd party NR
Jun 28-Jul 4	IGRS-103293	Pride Week banner raised at Legislature: Will be raised on Courtesy Flagpole #4 at the Parliament Buildings beginning at sunrise on Sunday, June 28th and lowered at sunset on Sunday, July 5th in accordance with the Protocol Courtesy Flag Pole policy	FYI	-
Jun 29-Jul 4	TACS-103477	International Basketball Federation Olympic Qualifying Tournament	FYI	-

Inside Government

Tuesday, June 29, 2021

Events, Speeches & Releases

Tue Jun 29	Lead	Activity/Details	RLS	CC ID#
7:30 AM	EMBC	Provincewide statement -- 10th anniversary of passing of GSAR volunteer Sheilah Sweatman	BCGov STMT	EMBC- 102717
10:00 AM	BCCS	Provincewide BCCS news release -- BC Coroners Service releases May preliminary reporting on suspected illicit drug toxicity deaths in the province NOTE: Minister's statement issued in response at 10:30am, see MMHA-103541	BCGov NR	BCCS- 103510
10:30 AM	MMHA	Statement from Minister Malcolmson in response to latest BC Coroners service report issued at 10:00am, see BCCS-103510	BCGov STMT	MMHA- 103541
12:15 PM CHANGED	TACS	VICTORIA (RBCM Media Avail) -- Royal BC Museum press conference and news release: Report on racism & discrimination allegations and next steps	3rd party NR	TACS- 103191
1:00 PM	AG	Regional news release -- Opening of Indigenous affordable housing project on Westbank reserve. The Province is providing a \$2.8 million grant through the Indigenous Housing Fund for 17 homes. NOTE: Westbank First Nation is planning on holding a small event on June 30th (RESULTS)	BCGov NR	AG- 103204
1:45 PM CHANGED	JERI	VICTORIA (Media Avail/Legislature) -- Premier John Horgan, Ministers Ravi Kahlon and Adrian Dix, and Dr. Bonnie Henry make an announcement about the third step in B.C.'s plan to safely restart the province: Provincewide news release also issued Livestream with sign language interpreter available on: Facebook (Government of British Columbia page); YouTube (ProvinceofBC channel); Twitter (@BCGovNews) EVENT LEAD: Joleen Badger	BCGov NR	JERI- 103547

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Heat Wave KMs

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Hi All,

Attached are KMs for caucus on the heat wave. Please reach out if any questions.

Thanks,

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Extreme Heat Messaging

June 30, 2021

Top Lines

- Over the past several days, B.C. has seen an unprecedented heat wave, with record-breaking temperatures across the province that have lasted into the night.
- I want to offer my sincere condolences to those who have lost loved ones over this past week.
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Public Health Advice

- We are asking everyone to remember the advice distributed by Emergency Management BC last week:
 - Never leave children or animals alone in a parked car
 - Drink plenty of fluids
 - Keep cool in air-conditioned buildings, or take a cool bath or shower

- Plan activity before 10am or after 4pm
- Avoid tiring work or exercise in hot, humid environments
- Wear lightweight, light-coloured, loose-fitting clothing and a wide brimmed hat
- Many businesses and organizations that offer air conditioning and a cool centre, such as libraries, are extending hours to provide relief for those who do not have access to a cool place.

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Re: Urgent briefing for Premier on heat, wildfires

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I understand Rick Manwaring already sent out a meeting invite for 8:30pm.
I've sent the info via cal invite to you all. And will ensure all ministers & staff have as well.

Amber

On Jun 30, 2021, at 7:32 PM, Zacharuk, Christina PREM:EX <Christina.Zacharuk@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

Amber I think Eric may have forwarded an invite but will ask him to confirm. We're also adding Peter Pokorny for a summary on the LM issues.

Sent from my iPhone

On Jun 30, 2021, at 7:31 PM, Nash, Amber PREM:EX <Amber.Nash@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

Pjh would like briefing this evening at 8:30pm
I'll send calendar invite to all with call info

Amber

On Jun 30, 2021, at 7:11 PM, Zacharuk, Christina PREM:EX <Christina.Zacharuk@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

Hi Geoff - Eric is pulling together the briefing on wildfire tonight and will include MMF and Tara Richards, as well as Don Z and the others on this chain.

My suggestion us we leave the LM situation and ambulance briefing for tomorrow while we get more info on that - I will reach out to Peter Pokorny.

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On Jun 30, 2021, at 6:57 PM, Meggs, Geoff PREM:EX <Geoff.Meggs@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

Christina, I think we need to prepare a briefing for PJH this evening or tomorrow morning on the heat/fire situation. (Amber and Don are travelling with him and confirm his preference.)

On my way home I learned the excess death toll from the weekend is now over 300 and may rise further, also that Lytton may have been evacuated. Overnight, lightning fires are a real risk.

I suggest we include ministers Farnworth, Dix and Conroy and their deputies, also George Smith from my office.

Amber Nash can organize a time. (I think Eric has started this work.)

Issues to canvas:

- has the situation in the Lower Mainland stabilized with regard to ambulance wait times and hospital crowding? Is there more that needs to be done? Is EMBC working on that angle? Do we need much public service messages from GCPE for example?
- What is the fire situation? Should we seek more resources anywhere - Canada, for example?
- Should a media availability be scheduled tomorrow? Who attends?

The lead now is Minister Farnworth, but we can expect the Premier and other ministers may be called on to play a role. This could include PS Rice, MoS Cullen and MJO.

Thanks for your assistance.

Geoff

QA to print

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QA – Lytton and Wildfires / Heat Wave

July 1, 2021

What has the province done to improve wildfire prevention/response since the 2017 and 2018 seasons?

- Abbott Chapman Report: Have implemented more than 90% of the over 100 recommendations
- We have increased investments in direct fire which has helped the BC Wildfire Service improve its fire response capabilities by adding more crews, enhancing aircraft capacity and spending more on fire prevention activities.
- The B.C. government also committed \$60 million to the Community Resiliency Investment program to help local governments and First Nations mitigate wildfire threats around their communities.
- We've brought in digital tools for evacuation registration - previously it was all done on paper which was time consuming and challenging for people.
- Since Abbott-Chapman, we have worked hard to improve the way we work with First Nations on wildfire issues. This has included better information sharing and training of First Nations firefighting crews.
- The new BC Wildfire Services mobile app - additional avenue for direct communication with the public - consistent accurate and timely wildfire information.

What is the Community Resiliency Investment Program?

- Community Resiliency Investment Program established in September 2018 provides financial support to local governments through UBCM to fund wildfire risk reduction and increase resiliency to wildfires.
 - 366 grants allocated totalling 37 million as of beginning of May.
 - Starting in 2019/2020, as part of a more comprehensive wildfire risk reduction effort, the B.C. government committed up to \$50 million over three years for wildfire risk reduction on Crown land.
- In the 2020-21 Stronger BC economic recovery plan: Announced in September 2020, BC's Economic Recovery Plan issued \$19.5 million in additional funding to the CRI Program (\$10 million towards Fire Smart Community Supports and \$9.5 million towards Crown Land Wildfire Risk Reduction).

Will there be an adequate budget for fire response given projections for a bad season?

- We have increased the annual allocation for direct fire costs - but what is important is that responders have the statutory authority to spend what is needed on firefighting costs.

Can you tell us whether there are any confirmed fatalities?

- I'm not in a position to speak to that at this time.
- The site still poses significant safety challenges which limit the ability of police to review.

Was this caused by a train or derailment?

- Staff are still investigating the cause of the fire.

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You have urged people to be careful because most of the fires are human caused - are you shutting backcountry access?

- BC Wildfire Service is putting in place area closures in all of the area fires for first responder safety, community safety and our ability to manage these fires.
- This applies to both recreational activity and industrial activity.
- Firefighting staff collaborate with industry - sharing resources and equipment for firefighting activities.

Is it a good idea to be re-opening the province to travellers from across Canada if the risk of human caused fires is so high?

- Our message to everyone in BC is that we are in a time of extreme fire risk and you must act accordingly.
- People need to use extreme caution to avoid human-caused fires.
- We have put in place area closures in all of the area fires.

Is other firefighting help coming?

- We have been in communication with the federal government and staff are working on the details of what sort of federal assistance would be most useful.
- We are also drawing on inter-provincial firefighting assets - this is challenging as the heat dome moves over other provinces.
- And we are working on international assistance from overseas firefighting crews. This year is more complicated with COVID-19 but staff are working on it.

How has the heat impacted firefighting efforts?

- The heat and extreme dryness has obviously created very volatile conditions that contribute to rapid fire spread.
- At various points helicopters were not legally permitted to fly because air temperatures were above safe operating range.
- Firefighters and first responders working hard through incredible heat - extra draining.

What are the impacts of COVID-19 on the fire fighting?

- BC Wildfire Service has done significant planning to adapt to COVID-19 protocols.
- It is fortunate that we have managed to bend the curve down but it is still a concern that needs to be managed.
- COVID-19 precautions are in place for firefighting crews as well as for evacuation assistance.

What supports are available to people who lost their homes?

- The situation in Lytton is currently being assessed for Disaster Financial Assistance.
- Supports are expected but the details will have to be confirmed as the assessments are completed.
- The immediate focus is on supporting people who had to evacuate very quickly.

Will the province help to rebuild the town?

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- The Province and Federal government will assist with municipal infrastructure.

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