

April 21, 2020

We will continue to keep you informed as often as possible through daily updates (Mon – Fri) which are also archived on the [directors portal](#) (SRD Directors access only).

This is an internal document only and public information is listed at www.srd.ca/COVID-19.

MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

Electoral Area C – Director Update

The following information will appear in the next Discovery Islander (May 1) Quadra publication as well as on Quadra Island and SRD website and social media channels.

It is with regret that we inform the Constituents of Area C that Director Abram has been hospitalized after a horrendous fall from his roof. We are wishing him well and reaching out to his partner, Wendy, to provide any assistance in their time of need.

In giving him the time and space to heal, for any issues pertaining to the area we request you contact:

SRD Chief Administrative Officer, David Leitch dleitch@srd.ca | 250-830-6703

Alternate Director, Dan MacKenzie dwmacken@telus.net | 250-285-2647

Wishing you a speedy recovery Jim.

MESSAGE FROM THE CAO

Communications Department

Just a reminder, helpful information, resources and links for constituents are posted 3-4 times a day on SRD's Facebook channels.

We recommend following these channels and Directors and staff are welcome to share posts/info with their constituents directly from the following pages:

SRD - <https://www.facebook.com/StrathconaRegionalDistrict>

Strathcona Gardens - <https://www.facebook.com/strathconagardensrec>

PRIME MINISTER ADDRESS TO THE NATION (RECAP)

April 21 - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d0XAAAtChsnc>

- \$350 million commitment to fund community/charity organizations/non-profits
- Tremendous pressure on these organization, spread thin, this will help delivery changes, phone support, driving vulnerable to appointments etc.
- Money will flow directly to smaller independent organizations or flow through United Way, Community Foundations Canada and Red Cross
- Canadian Emergency Wage Subsidy applications open this Monday April 27th- up to \$840 per week per employee
- Calculator is available on CRA to determine your amount to claim
- Finding other ways to support you, we asked for digital solutions: companies have answered with cloud-based research access for COVID-19, E-Grocery management systems, etc.

FEDERAL MINISTERS ADDRESS (RECAP)

April 21 - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QEExZ9p6WYc>

Dr. Tam

- 37,374 cases, 1,728 deaths, 565,000 tests to far with 6.5% positive
- Crowded conditions and large gatherings will not happen for a while

Minister of Families, Children and Social Development – Ahmed Hussen

- Canadian Charities and non-profits are the focus as they are dealing with increasing costs and experiencing a drop in donations
- We will support them so they can answer the call
- \$350 million to adapt front line services during COVID-19
- We will start money flowing right away to community organizations who know how and who to help
- Money flow direct or via Red Cross, Community Futures Canada and United way
- Q&A asking about immigration and if numbers will be impacted, Answer was certainly but difficult to predict, selection process is still continuing, but If selected it is up to the applicant if and when they arrive

Secretary of Treasury Board – Minister Duclos

- Canadian Emergency Wage Subsidy designed to keep staff and re-hire people-our goal is to keep people working
- \$847 per week per employee for up to 12 weeks, will be retro to March 15
- Opens for applications Monday April 27th
- Login to your CRA account now to ensure up to date in preparation to apply
- CRA has calculator online as of today to see what businesses can claim
- Estimate 90% of applicants will be processed by May 5 with direct deposit and cheques made soon after

Minister Hajdu

- PPE companies have been approved to provide sterilization
- Leaving no stone unturned to find more PPE

- When asked about Meat packing plants – Every sector must be thoughtful about measures they take and put in place to protect their employees, it is an essential component
 - Practical supports of the industry and to protect our food security are being put in place

Minister Freeland

- Speaking on the meat packing plants and our domestic food security – we are in a lucky position in Canada as we are major global food producers and we are focused on supporting and supplying Canadians

DR BONNIE HENRY & MINISTER ADRIAN DIX ADDRESS (RECAP)

April 21 - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hziGkdoB8TQ>

BC COVID-19 Dashboard - <https://experience.arcgis.com/experience/a6f23959a8b14bfa989e3cda29297ded>

25 new cases, 1,724 total, 1,041 recovered, 1 death = 86 deaths

707-VCH

715-Fraser

109-Vancouver Island

153-Interior

40-Northern

109 in hospital, 51 ICU – 55-Fraser, 35-VCH, 11-Interior, 5-V. Island, 3-Northern

4,268 beds available, Apr 20- 4,015 emergency room visits down from Mar 9- 6,559 visits

- Additional outbreak in poultry processing plant 28 positive tests so far, plant is closed and Health Authority and Canadian Food Inspection Agency investigating
 - No evidence virus can be spread by meat or meat packaging
- Goal in Public Health is to limit potential for transmission and limit impacts health measures have on our communities, every decision we make all things are considered in great detail
- We will find our new normal in the coming weeks. But before we can lessen our guard, we need to continue to get through the remaining time calm and safe
- Asked about Vaccine – we do have a framework from our pandemic preparedness guide, there is no mandatory immunization in BC can't see this being either, we would target most at risk to start
- Asked about team sport/groups fall registrations – we are looking at how to do that safely as we recognize the importance of this

Minister Dix

- PPE in BC – have arrived and are ready to use
 - N95 respirators - 3.7 million of those 700,000 are KN95 rated
 - 1,000,000 surgical masks
 - 300,000 face shields
 - 1,000,000 gloves
 - Expecting another 250,000 N95 masks
- Preparation happening to begin resuming non urgent previously schedule surgeries

COVID-19 INFO: LINKS, RESOURCES, NEWS RELEASES & MORE...

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