

MEMORANDUM

To: Mayor & Members of City Council
Chambers of Commerce
Media

Date: July 10, 2020

Subject: COVID-19 – Update

SUMMARY

We hope everyone enjoyed their Canada Day, celebrating everything that makes this country so great. The last two weeks have been busy. We've provided updates on Canadian Forces in Long-term Care, international travel, the latest COVID-19 modelling, the new NAFTA, a fiscal snapshot, announced funding through the Investing in Canada infrastructure plan, phase 2 of the Heritage, Culture, and Sport funding, re-opening Service Canada locations, supporting the skilled trades, Canada Emergency Commercial Rent Assistance, reducing red tape and internal trade barriers, extended travel regulations, and calls for proposals under the Supporting Black Communities Initiative and the Enabling Accessibility Fund.

UPDATES

Canadian Forces in Long-term Care:

On Friday June 26th, we announced that the Canadian Armed Forces will be phasing out the additional duties they have taken on in long term care homes in Quebec. Our support for these vulnerable seniors will continue through funding the Canadian Red Cross to rapidly scale up a new humanitarian workforce to support these facilities. This will allow most CAF members to transition back to their regular duties after appropriate isolation periods, while maintaining a small reserve force available if there is a resurgence or new outbreak.

International Travel:

Global Affairs Canada issued a reminder about their international travel guidelines, reminding Canadians of the restrictions in place to keep Canada and Canadians safe. As some international borders begin to re-open, it is important to remember that Canada recommends avoiding all non-essential travel abroad.



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The Latest Modelling:

The latest modelling shows we're seeing progress in our fight against COVID-19, as cases, hospitalizations, and deaths are on the decline in most parts of the country. This is thanks to hard work and sacrifices by Canadians who continue to follow public health guidelines and do their part to control the spread of this virus. Now, even as the weather gets warmer and as summer celebrations start up, we must continue these efforts to keep each other safe.

New NAFTA:

Wednesday was not only Canada Day, it is also the day the new NAFTA will enter into force, protecting Canadian jobs and industry. The relationship between our biggest trading partners has never been more important, and the new NAFTA will continue to support good, well-paying middle-class jobs for Canadians, Americans, and Mexicans alike.

Fiscal Snapshot:

Minister Morneau presented Parliament with an economic and fiscal snapshot. It highlighted how our government was able to use Canada's strong fiscal position to stabilize our economy and support Canadians during what is the challenge of our generation. This support has meant that millions of Canadians have continued to receive an income, putting food on the table and keeping a roof over their heads, and has helped businesses stay open and keep their employees on the payroll. It's thanks to these investments that Canadians will be better positioned to rebound as we slowly and safely restart the economy.

You can view the full Economic and Fiscal Snapshot here:

<https://eur02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.canada.ca%2Feconomic-fiscal-snapshot&data=02%7C01%7C%7C30f8cca628c54cad6f1108d8241bf904%7C84df9e7fe9f640afb435aaaaaaaaaaaa%7C1%7C0%7C637299049893020367&sddata=m3fcihbQQ6zqyBZDqJHwFtomFCY0Yhes6maPimMnA4U%3D&reserved=0>

Program Uptake:

- As of June 28, the CERB has provided support to 8.16 million individuals.
- The CEWS has supported about three million employees by helping them stay in the workforce or return to work.
- Approximately 3.7 million families benefitted from a special one-time \$300 top-up of the CCB for each child.
- 12 million low and modest-income individuals and families received a special one-time payment through the GST credit. On average, single adults received \$400 in additional benefits, and couples almost \$600.
- Over \$1.4 billion to over 600,000 students through the CESB. It provides a \$1,250 base benefit amount to eligible students, and an additional \$750 per month to those with dependents or a disability.

- 6.7 million seniors are receiving a one-time tax-free payment of \$300. 2.2 million of which, who are also eligible for the GIS, will also receive an additional \$200.
- As of July 3, 688,000 applicants have been approved for CEBA.

Canada and Ontario invest in roads for Southern Ontario communities:

We made an announcement this past Monday that joint federal, provincial, and municipal funding through the *Investing in Canada* infrastructure plan will support four transportation projects in Southern Ontario.

The Government of Canada is investing over \$9.9 million in these projects through the Rural and Northern Infrastructure Stream (RNIS). The Government of Ontario is contributing approximately \$6.6 million, while the cities, county and township will contribute over \$17.8 million to the projects.

Project Information:

Community	Project Name	Project Details	Federal Funding	Provincial Funding	Municipal / Other Funding
City of Welland	Construction of the former Welland Canal Crossing	Construction of a new, 124-metre bridge over the Welland Canal will improve traffic flow for motorists and pedestrians.	\$2,499,750	\$1,666,333	\$833,417
City of Niagara Falls	Reconstruction of sections of Drummer Road, Gallinger Street and Portage Road	Reconstruction of approximately 2.5 kilometres on Drummond Road (Thorold Stone Road to Morrison Street), Gallinger Street and Portage Road (Elizabeth Street to Althea Street) will include a new road structure and surface; curb and gutter; sidewalks; and dedicated bike lanes. The reconstruction will increase safety for motorists, cyclists and pedestrians.	\$2,500,000	\$1,666,500	\$6,049,296

County of Norfolk	Replacement of Big Creek Bridge on Long Point Causeway	Removal and replacement of the existing, one-lane Big Creek Bridge with a new 34.1-metre, two-lane structure will also accommodate pedestrians and cyclists. The project will improve safety for users, increase biking and walking activities, and improve traffic flow.	\$2,500,000	\$1,666,500	\$10,028,074
Township of West Lincoln	Reconstruction of St. Ann's Road	The reconstruction of approximately 1.5 kilometres of St. Ann's Road between Twenty Mile Road and Regional Road 20, and rehabilitation of St. Ann's Bridge will improve road safety and reliability for motorists, cyclists and pedestrians; support better traffic; and reduce maintenance costs.	\$2,490,625	\$1,660,251	\$980,374

Heritage Culture and Sport Funding Phase 2:

Minister Guilbeault announced the final details regarding Phase 2 of the disbursement of the \$500-million Emergency Support Fund for Cultural, Heritage, and Sport Organizations. This final component helps address some of the gaps that have been identified by the industry across Canada since the fund was first implemented. Thus, the second phase provides support to other organizations, some of which do not normally receive funding from Canadian Heritage, the Canada Council for the Arts, Telefilm Canada or the Canada Media Fund. The goal is still to help maintain jobs and support business continuity for organizations whose viability has been affected.

This final component of Phase 2 of the COVID-19 Emergency Support Fund for Cultural, Heritage and Sport Organizations will be distributed through grants and contributions as follows:

- \$45 million through the Canada Periodical Fund to assist free magazines and weekly newspapers, including those that serve official-language minority or ethnocultural communities;

- \$25 million distributed through partners to assist independent news and community radio broadcasters;
- \$20 million to Musicaction and FACTOR to help presenters in the live music sector;
- \$2.5 million to support producers of content in a language other than English or French through the Canada Media Fund; and
- \$52.1 million to various arts and culture organizations that do not normally receive funding from Canadian Heritage programs and/or did not receive funding during Phase 1. This amount will be provided as follows:
 - \$8.2 million for the arts sector;
 - \$27.8 million for the audiovisual and digital media sector;
 - \$5 million for the music industry;
 - \$10 million for the publishing sector; and
 - \$1 million for arts and culture organizations that serve official-language communities.

Like Phase 1, this second phase is open to a variety of organizations and equity-seeking groups such as Indigenous, official-language minority, LGBTQ2 and racialized communities. More details are available in the attached Q&A and backgrounder.

Simplified funding application processes have been put in place to support organizations in need as quickly and efficiently as possible. Applicants seeking emergency assistance from the Canada Periodical Fund.

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Applicants will be able to submit their requests as of today. Application details for the other Phase 2 funding opportunities will be available shortly on the dedicated COVID-19 emergency funding section of the Canadian Heritage website.

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Re-opening Service Canada:

The COVID-19 pandemic has affected all Canadians. We did our part to ensure there was no disruption of service to Canadians. We made the necessary changes to protect Canadians, the Service Canada employees and continue to deliver services to Canadians. We made services available virtually and increased our outreach to rural and remote communities to ensure they were able to get what they need.

In person service at Service Canada Centres are starting to gradually reopen this week. We are aiming to have close to 100 locations opened by the end of July. As Service Canada Centres reopen, protecting the health and safety of Canadians and Service Canada employees is a priority. Key safety measures have been put in place to be consistent with public health guidelines. Canadians entering offices will be required to respect physical distancing and will be strongly encouraged to use face masks and hand sanitizer. Face masks will be offered as required.

The reopening of Service Canada Centres builds on the new services recently put in place such as the eServiceCanada portal, which allows Canadians requiring assistance from Service Canada to submit an online request and to receive a call-back from a Service Canada officer within two business days. This portal allows Canadians requiring in-person service to submit a request for an appointment at a Service Canada office.

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Please be advised that residents who do require in-person services should check the Find a Service Canada Office webpage to see if their local office is open and they are encouraged to make a request for an appointment through eServiceCanada.

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Supporting the Skilled Trades:

Yesterday, the Prime Minister announced that our government is taking yet another step to help Canadians get the training and support they need to find good, well-paying jobs. We're investing \$40 million in the Union Training and Innovation Program.

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Supporting our skilled tradespeople will ensure a stronger economic recovery.

Reducing Red Tape and Internal Trade Barrier's:

On Monday, Minister Ng and Minister Bains committed to reducing longstanding red tape and internal trade barriers to help more Canadian entrepreneurs turn their innovative ideas into successful businesses. The digital Multi-Jurisdictional Registry Access Service (MRAS) is making it easier for businesses to register in multiple provinces and territories without having to provide the same information every time – saving business owners time and money.

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Canada Emergency Commercial Rent Assistance Extended:

On Tuesday, we announced that the Canada Emergency Commercial Rent Assistance (CECRA) program will be extended by one month to help small businesses pay their rent at this critical time.

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Extended Travel Regulations:

And to protect the health and safety of Canadians, we extended the requirements for mandatory isolation and quarantine for travellers entering Canada until August 31, 2020. Anyone entering Canada by air, land, or sea will continue to be required to isolate or quarantine for 14 days. Border measures prohibiting non-essential travel will also remain in effect.

- <https://nam12.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.canada.ca%2Fen%2Fpublic-health%2Fnews%2F2020%2F06%2Fcanada-extends-mandatory-requirements-under-the-quarantine-act-for-anyone-entering-canada.html&data=02%7C01%7C%7C5d0a0576466c4ce6c1b208d8241f10e2%7C84df9e7fe9f640afb435aaaaaaaaaaaa%7C1%7C0%7C637299063132486811&sd ata=ZF%2BsCicXobflnA1jLe7PxdWujS%2BkaeJYKdswZ8H1nVM%3D&reserved=0>
- <https://nam12.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.canada.ca%2Fen%2Fborder-services-agency%2Fnews%2F2020%2F06%2Ftravel-restrictions-to-canada-remain-in-place-for-july-holidays.html&data=02%7C01%7C%7C5d0a0576466c4ce6c1b208d8241f10e2%7C84df9e7fe9f640afb435aaaaaaaaaaaa%7C1%7C0%7C637299063132486811&sd ata=YvKcmYXvXk2d0FM7LStagmuV6bpB0huYBpDrtLcWOiM%3D&reserved=0>

Call for Proposals Under the Supporting Black Canadian Communities Initiative:

We have launched our call for proposals for capital projects under the Supporting Black Canadian Communities Initiative, to help Black-led organizations build the capacity and infrastructure they need to better serve Black Canadian communities.

Through this call for proposals, registered non-profit organizations that are Black-led, Black-focused and organizations with Black beneficiaries can apply for up to \$100,000 for capital projects to improve their workplaces and community space such as:

- Purchasing work-related equipment; and/or
- Undertaking renovations and retrofits of existing community and workspaces to improve their functionality.

The Call for Proposals is open until July 27, 2020. Selected projects will be announced in fall 2020.

ESDC will be holding information sessions in English and French for interested organizations on July 7, 2020. Should any eligible organizations want to attend, they should contact EDSC.ACNC-SBCC.ESDC@canada.gc.ca.

Apply for funding for projects to improve Black-led organizations' workplaces and community spaces:

<https://nam12.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fcanada.ca%2Fen%2Femployment-social-development%2Fservices%2Ffunding%2Fsupporting-black-communities.html&data=02%7C01%7C%7C3fd450511e2e4d16ee3c08d8241f02e5%7C84df9e7fe9f640afb435aaaaaaaaaaaa%7C1%7C0%7C637299062888892168&sd ata=tEvpJOvANtLt%2F9WfxE6ij7iMX00RQs3QyTVXrgllqok%3D&reserved=0>

Applicant guide: Funding for projects to improve Black-led organizations' workplaces and community spaces:

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Enabling Accessibility Fund Call for Proposals:

Launch of a call for proposals under the newly modernized Enabling Accessibility Fund (EAF) small projects component.

The call for proposals for the EAF small projects component provides funding to organizations for small-scale construction, renovation or retrofit projects that enable persons with disabilities to live and work in more inclusive and accessible communities.

This year, instead of the originally allotted 12 months to complete a project, organizations that apply for funding will now have up to 24 months to complete their projects. Additionally, projects approved for funding will now be 100% funded to a maximum of \$100,000.

Organizations have until July 13, 2020 to apply by visiting:

canada.ca/accessibilityfund

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Enabling Accessibility Fund (EAF) – Youth:

Apply to the call for expressions of interest through the 2020 Enabling Accessibility Fund (EAF).

The EAF's youth innovation component engages and challenges youth leaders to volunteer and collaborate with local community-based organizations and apply for funding up to \$10,000 for accessibly projects.

