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MEMORANDUM

To: Mayor & Members of City Council
Chambers of Commerce
Media
Date: May 29, 2020
Subject: COVID-19 – Update

SUMMARY

This week, we have announced jobs for students through the Canada Job Bank, provided youth jobs to fill labour shortages in agriculture and food supply chain, and we have announced intentions to discuss with the provinces, ways in which we can implement 10 days of sick leave for all Canadian workers. As well, we are reminding seniors that they can expect their OAS and GIS top-ups to come in June.

UPDATES

Students:

There are now over 45,000 jobs for students on jobbank.gc.ca. If you or someone you know is looking for a job, please log on today.

Agriculture:

In our effort to support Canadian agriculture and the food supply chain, amid labour shortages caused by COVID-19, our government announced funding to support 700 youth jobs in the industry. For more information visit: <http://www.agr.gc.ca/eng/agriculture-and-agri-food-canada/?id=1395690825741>

Paid Sick Leave:

We are going to pursue discussions with the provinces and territories on ways to implement 10 days of paid sick leave for Canadian workers. No one should have to choose between their health and putting food on the table.

OAS and GIS Top-up:

We recognize a need to help our seniors in these difficult times. That's why we announced top-up payments to seniors OAS and GIS. Seniors can expect to receive their OAS and GIS top-up in June. Seniors receiving OAS will get \$300 and seniors also receiving GIS will get an additional \$200.

Updated COVID-19 measures for Cruise Ships and other Passenger Vessels:

Minister Garneau announced updated measures for cruise ships and smaller passenger vessels to ensure the safety and security of passengers and crew onboard vessels in Canada during the COVID-19 pandemic. This builds on previous announcements for marine transportation, while complementing those previously announced for aviation, rail, and road.

New measures in non-Arctic Canadian waters:

1. Cruise ships with overnight accommodations allowed to carry more than 100 persons are prohibited from operating in Canadian waters until October 31, 2020

This extends previous measures for cruise ships capable of carrying more than 500 persons (previously scheduled to expire on June 30, 2020). It also expands the restrictions from more than 500 to 100 persons for cruise vessels with overnight accommodations.

2. All other passenger vessels are allowed to operate as of July 1, 2020.

The previous measures prohibiting the operation of passenger vessels allowed to carry more than 12 persons will expire on June 30, 2020. After that, all other passenger vessels must follow provincial, territorial, local and regional health authority requirements for timelines and processes to resume operations.

Essential passenger vessels, such as ferries and water taxis, should continue to operate using mitigation measures. These could include reducing the number of passengers or using alternative practices such as keeping people in their vehicles, when safe to do so, or enhanced cleaning and hygiene measures to reduce the risk of spreading COVID-19.

Hamilton-Oshawa Port Authority:

The Hamilton-Oshawa Port Authority is currently hiring a part-time federal director for its Board of Directors. Amongst other activities, the Board provides strategic leadership to the Port Authority in the establishment of and commitment to its vision, mission and core values and in realizing its mandate. If you know of a qualified applicant, please encourage them to apply. Applications will be reviewed on June 26, 2020. Find more details here:

<https://pcogic.njoyn.com/cl3/xweb/Xweb.asp?tbtoken=ZltdSxkXCG4CZXEctF1UCCA7cBJEcFQuDKggUCI4E21RX0BtWUYcAWp1dAkbURdTSXYqWA%3D%3D&chk=ZVpaShw%3D&CLID=52106&page=jobdetails&JobID=J0120-0623&brid=47073&lang=1>.

May I, once again, express my sincere appreciation to all residents, our front-line workers, essential service providers, government partners at all levels, businesses and students, for your ongoing efforts to help in this time of crisis. We are in this together! Your daily efforts are ensuring that we will get through this together. If you require any assistance, please do not hesitate to contact our office.

Enjoy your weekend.

Stay safe.