



<p>Committee Members in Attendance</p>	<p>Co-Chair Malcolm Brodie (Mayor, City of Richmond) Co-Chair Fan Chun (Richmond Chamber of Commerce) Matt Pitcairn (Richmond Chamber of Commerce) Shaena Furlong (Richmond Chamber of Commerce) Cecilia Achiam (City of Richmond) Kim Somerville (City of Richmond) Serena Lusk (City of Richmond) Katie Ferland (City of Richmond) Linda Reid and Shelley Leonhardt (MLA, Richmond South Centre) John Yap (MLA, Richmond-Steveston) Jas Johal (MLA, Richmond-Queensborough) Kenny Chiu and Jordon Wood (MP, Steveston-Richmond East) Sacha Peter, representing Alice Wong (MP, Richmond Centre) Dr. Meena Dawar and Clive Camm(Vancouver Coastal Health) Nancy Small (Tourism Richmond) Anne Murray (Vancouver Airport Authority) Scott Robinson (Richmond School District) Rebecca Swaim (Trinity Western University, Richmond) Alvin Chow and Maria Rantanen (Richmond News) Lorraine Graves (Richmond Sentinel) Todd Ye (Fairchild TV) James Ho (AM 1320 Radio) Tim Wilkinson (Richmond Fire) Will Ng (Richmond RCMP)</p>
<p>Members Absent or unable to login</p>	<p>Teresa Wat (MLA, Richmond North Centre) KM Lui (Ming Pao) Ken Hamaguchi (Richmond School District) Marlyn Graziano (Kwantlen Polytechnic University) Andrew Lai (Sing Tao) Travena Lee (Fairchild Radio)</p>
<p>Recorder</p>	<p>Shaena Furlong</p>

<p>1. Opening Remarks from Co-Chair, Mayor Malcolm Brodie</p>	<p>11:00am</p>	<p>Mayor Malcolm Brodie We are now at our tenth week of the RCCTF. Things are beginning to progress. <i>Roll call.</i></p>
<p>2. Opening Remarks from Co-Chair, Fan Chun</p>	<p>11:02am</p>	<p>Fan Chun I am happy to share that many of our members have shifted gears into recovery mode this week. Some have found that their businesses are getting more inquiries than pre-pandemic levels, especially in logistics and household necessities. Members in the PPE industry are investing in R&D and manufacturing in Canada. Other businesses are just trying to keep up with the guidelines and reopen safely. We are I am happy to share that many of our members have switched gear into the recovery mode this week. Some have found that their businesses experience more inquiries and sales interests, compared to the pre-pandemic days. This is especially true for members who are in the logistics business or supplying household necessities. As</p>

		<p>for members who are in the PPE business, they have been investing actively in R&D to develop solutions that will be manufactured locally for the Canadian market. Whereas, some retail businesses are trying to cope with the reopening guidelines. For example, many restaurants have reopened but only at 1/3 to 50% of the original capacity due to the requirements of social distancing. So when it's safe to do so while following guidelines closely, we encourage everyone to go out and support your local businesses</p> <p>Lastly, on Monday, the federal the government expanded the criteria of CEBA so that more sole proprietors, and family-owned businesses can be benefited from the program. And Matt will cover the details in the latter segment.</p>
<p>3. Update from Vancouver Coastal Health</p>	<p>11:06am</p>	<p>Dr. Meena Dawar</p> <p>Clive Camm is also on the call as an observer.</p> <p>As of yesterday, 2,530 cases reported in BC. Of these 894 were reported in VCH and approximately 80% have recovered and discontinued isolation.</p> <p>Number of cases reported on a daily basis continue to decline with very low level of virus transmission detected in the community.</p> <p>Richmond Hospital outbreak was declared over yesterday.</p> <p>This is a good time to ease restrictions in a step wise fashion such as developed by CoR administration in the 'Restoring Richmond Plan'. Questions from intersectoral partners about reopening guidance or safety plans can be directed to EHVC@vch.ca .</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Provincial update: http://www.bccdc.ca/Health-Info-Site/Documents/BC_Surveillance_Summary_May%2025%202020_FINAL.PDF 2. Provincial health orders and VCH MHO letters: http://www.vch.ca/covid-19 <p>Questions:</p> <p>James Ho: I've been meeting with a group of doctors for the last couple of weeks. Everyone is very happy with the work that has been done and that there are no issues with testing. They are very appreciative of Vancouver Coastal Health.</p> <p>Matt Pitcairn: Can you explain the policy announced on Friday of a 50-vehicle limit for drive-in events? I know many events organizations were looking at drive ins as a safe way to convene people. Many of our members have expressed concerns of how this will affect their business model.</p> <p>Dr. Dawar: I'm sorry but I can't explain the reasoning behind the max limit of vehicles in drive ins. We have sought answers from the Ministry for this. I know there is some angst in the community as many businesses were planning drive in events, keeping in mind safe distancing etc.</p> <p>Matt Pitcairn: I will put some of the concerns we are hearing from members in writing and forward to you.</p>

		<p>Lorraine Graves: I know they've had a hard time validating the serology but can you give us an update of where we are and how can we activate it? Secondly, what are we doing in BC with remdesivir?</p> <p>Dr. Dawar: There are important issues. As you know, it all takes time to sort through these things. As to the antiviral, I am not aware of trials happening with this antiviral, but we will explore that further internally. Serology is being validated and we do not have those results back yet from the lab. As to whether it will be used as surveillance or diagnostics, this remains to be seen.</p>
<p>4. Update from the City of Richmond</p>	<p>11:16am</p>	<p>Mayor Brodie</p> <p>Just a brief note about the actions of the City: I reported to you last week that we were thinking of cancelling most major events. This is indeed what we are doing.</p> <p>Last night, we looked at patios for restaurants, including an expedited approval process for those going onto sidewalks. There is going to be a coordinated effort with the City for pedestrians to move onto roadways. If you're in Steveston, you still need a Heritage Alteration Permit if you want anything permanent. We are giving one approval on the liquor license permit and are indicating to the Province so you don't have to go through a full City process each and every time.</p> <p>Serena Lusk:</p> <p>Last week we alluded to the coming plans for the restoration of services within the City. These were implemented last Wednesday. The Restoring Richmond Plan is a continuum of restoration of services. Along that continuum there are five steps. The re-introduction of services among many outdoor amenities (volleyball courts, basketball courts etc.) has begun.</p> <p>Playgrounds is something we are looking at and will be able to provide more information next week. We are looking at health considerations and financial considerations for the City. We are continuing to work on this and looking toward Step 2 shortly.</p> <p>Cecelia Achiam:</p> <p><u>Temporary Patio Program</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Liquor and Cannabis Regulation Branch has announced an expedited process for temporary patios for liquor primary and manufacturer establishments to expand their service area footprint until October 31, 2020 without increasing the approved patron capacities or occupant load. • To support business to re-open under health orders (i.e. fewer customers, additional costs to adapt to new health and cleaning protocols), Council endorsed a temporary patio program effective immediately and will be in place until November 1, 2020. • The temporary license agreement will permit the temporary use of on-site parking spaces and City sidewalks.

- No permanent structures are permitted under this program.

Promotion of Harvest Season for Richmond farmers

- Richmond farmers are now able to take advantage of the community sign program (seasonal signage for no more than 1 month placed on City property with permission) to promote harvest season.
- Staff will continue working with Richmond Food Security Society to promote eating local and Tourism Richmond to promote agri-tourism to support Richmond farmers.

Kim Somerville:

City staff continue to support the Richmond Foundation with spreading the news about the Emergency Community Support Fund - \$360,000 has been allocated to Richmond to support organizations who are supporting vulnerable groups and those impacted by the pandemic (max grant 75,0000 to be used by end of March next year).

The Emergency Response Centre has about 7 clients at the centre. All stakeholders are meeting regularly to discuss operations and any challenges coming up.

Next week is Provincial. Seniors' Week. There will be numerous activities held virtually.

Katie Ferland:

Expedited Temporary Patio Permit Program

The Expedited Temporary Patio Permit program for restaurants, cafes and pubs was approved by Council on May 25. The application form and program guidelines are being finalized and will be published to the City of Richmond website soon. For now, any businesses interested in installing a temporary patio can contact the Business Support Center (604-276-4114 or businesshelp@richmond.ca) to learn more and apply.

COVID Safety Supplies

We continue to field calls from businesses who are working to develop their COVID Safety Plans and re-open. As they do this they're trying to source supplies like physical barriers, custom signage, hand sanitizer and PPE. Meanwhile some local businesses have shifted their operations to produce these items. We are putting together a list of local suppliers so that we can support both the businesses that are re-opening and the businesses that are producing these items. Some early examples include Scene Ideas, Signarama and Dream Cast Design. This list will be made available via the City's Business Support Center (www.businessinrichmond.ca/covid-19) and we encourage any local suppliers to come forward if they want to be added to this list.

Questions:

Nancy Small: Is the Richmond Olympic Oval one of the early

		<p>amenities that will be restored?</p> <p>Serena Lusk: We can't put a date on it but we are looking. As with all things, it will be a staged approach at all community facilities, including at the Oval.</p> <p>Mayor Brodie: As Serena said, it will be a gradual thing. There are looking at a reopening procedure for the ROX, and other parts of the facility that will reopen in stages.</p>
5. Update from the Chamber of Commerce	11:26am	<p>Matt Pitcairn</p> <p>We continue to focus on a number of key policies. The federal rental assistance program (CECRA) program finally opened to applications yesterday. We are following very closely to see what uptake is like. We have ongoing concerns. Many members have landlords who will not be taking part on this program.</p> <p>CEBA expansion now covers many of the contractors and dividend-paid businesses, who were previously excluded, which is great news.</p> <p>Shout out to Katie at the EDO, her colleagues and Mayor and Council. Thank you for moving so quickly on the patio policy.</p> <p>As mentioned by Fan, many members are looking at what the reopening strategy looks like and investing in PPE. There are still many concerns regarding costs. In our own office, we only need one plexiglass screen, but we are still looking at about \$600-\$800. For larger businesses, this is a very significant expense at a time of decreased revenue.</p> <p>Certificates of origin (a document verifying that the shipment originated from a Canadian port) demand has picked up as agricultural exports increase. We have increased in-office service to 3 days a week, from 2. We will be looking at getting more staff in the office really soon.</p> <p>We will be hosting our first Virtual AGM next month. Look for the notice in your inbox shortly.</p>
6. Update from YVR	11:30am	<p>Anne Murray</p> <p>YVR is pleased to welcome the City of Richmond's new nominee Dan Nomura to our Board of Directors. Mr. Nomura is President of the Canadian Fishing Company (Canfisco), which operates a fully integrated, sustainable seafood business including fishing, processing and sales. In addition to his extensive leadership experience in the industry, he is active in the community serving on the Board of the Richmond Olympic Oval and previously on the Board of the Nikkei National Museum and Cultural Centre.</p> <p>COVID-19 Recovery & Restart:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> We are pleased to see that McArthurGlen Designer Outlet reopened last week. YVR owns a 50% investment in the Designer Outlet Centre.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Air Canada announced its new summer schedule with nearly 100 destinations. The announcement also included the airline’s expanded flexible booking and cancellation policies. • For April and May, we are up about 30% year over year in terms of cargo related flight movements. Cargo demand continues to increase for inbound medical supplies. For example, Xiamen Airlines will be operating mini-freighters to and from Xiamen 20 times a week in June. CargoJet will also operate their freighter aircraft nine times a week to Tokyo/Narita. <p>Supporting Local Businesses: While COVID-19 continues to have a significant impact on YVR, we are working closely with our Sea Island business partners to provide support. YVR continues to monitor all government relief options, including the Government of Canada's commercial rent subsidy program. Our efforts are focused on returning YVR to expanded service levels in a safe and efficient manner to ensure we get back to generating revenue, supporting local businesses and the region.</p> <p>Questions:</p> <p>Matt Pitcairn: Are you able to comment on Air Canada or West Jet? Are they increasing their flight activity in coming months?</p> <p>Anne Murray: Air Canada has introduced their Plane Care Plus program, showing how they will be able to operate safely. Air Canada has added additional frequencies in the month of June. WestJet is also looking at expanding services, pending rules by Canada and the Province.</p>
<p>7. Update from Richmond School District 38</p>	<p>11:34am</p>	<p>Scott Robinson</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pleased to be progressing to the next stage of our gradual re-opening of schools • We’ve seen a gradual increase in the number of students in schools since the beginning of the month from roughly 50 students district-wide at the end of April to approximately 600 students in schools this week • Has allowed us to test drive some protocols as we prepare for the broader return of students next week • We surveyed our entire parent community this past week regarding whether they intend to send their children to school starting June 1st and we’ve heard back from 88% of parents across the district • As of yesterday, roughly 36% of respondents had indicated they will be sending their child to school starting June 1 so we’ve been hard at work planning for that • We’re essentially doing our third school start-up this year • School principals and district staff have spent the past few days organizing two schools within each school – one for students who will be attending part time and one for students who will be remaining at home for continued remote learning

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students who attend onsite as well as those who stay at home may be taught by their regular classroom teacher or by another teacher depending on which teachers have indicated they're able to come back to school and also depending on the number of students who will be returning at each grade level • Students may be with students from their regular class or they be mixed with students from different classes • <u>Elementary:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ K-5 – the majority of students attending will be in school two days each week, with what the Ministry of Education is referring to as 'density' in the school of never more than 50% of what it was prior to the pandemic ○ Where there are larger groups returning at any given grade level, the students may be split up into two groups and taught by different teachers in different spaces in order to keep group sizes smaller and the students spread out ○ Grade 6/7 – the majority of students attending will be in school the equivalent of one day per week • <u>Secondary – tutorial based model</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ students who have indicated they are returning will be able to sign up for an appointment to come in to get assistance from teachers in different departments. Again, it may or may not be their regularly assigned teacher ○ Secondary students will attend the equivalent of up to one day per week and the density in the school cannot exceed 20% of what it would have been pre-pandemic • Health and safety protocols have been developed that address areas such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Routine cleaning of schools, especially for frequently touched surfaces ○ Limited number of students attending school or in a room at any given time. ○ Daily health declaration processes that all staff, students and parents must undertake before coming to school each day. ○ Anyone who has symptoms of a cold, flu or COVID-19 will not be permitted into the school. ○ Opportunities for frequent handwashing will be provided. ○ Smaller class sizes, seating separation, rotating school attendance, and staggered start and end and break times • All parents received a letter from my office last week sharing preliminary information about reopening and asking them to complete the attendance survey. Another communication will go home directly from schools to parents tomorrow containing more specific details, a Frequently Asked Questions document and information
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		<p>specific to their own child’s schedule for next week.</p> <p>Questions:</p> <p>Lorraine Graves: Which percent of parents will be sending kids back?</p> <p>Scott Robinson: Roughly 36%</p> <p>John Yap: Are you doing virtual graduation?</p> <p>Scott Robinson: We will be doing a virtual ceremony. Students will come in in small groups and will be recorded passing the stage in their caps and gowns. Speeches will be recorded and a composite video will be provided to students.</p> <p>Lorraine Graves: Will you be reaching out to high profile speakers for commencement?</p> <p>Scott Robinson: We are working on that but also competing with roughly 300 schools across the province.</p>
<p>8. Update from Tourism Richmond</p>	<p>11:46am</p>	<p>Nancy Small</p> <p>Exciting to see Richmond coming alive – in a measured manner.</p> <p>This is Tourism Week in BC and Canada – an oddly timed week that happens every year. Typically, a celebration – this year a different tone given the devastating impact that Covid has had on our industry. However, as we move into Phase 3 with the province hopefully next week – in province travel will be allowed and we will do everything we can to get Richmond on everyone’s list!</p> <p>We are working on creating messaging within our Pacific. Authentic. Brand and will be creating a marketing campaign that will be consistent with what our new traveler will be looking for – likely kicking off in July or when it makes sense.</p> <p>Our hotels will continue to be working with new guidelines- everyone is responding accordingly and is very motivated to be ready.</p> <p>Working in step with partners at the City and other attractions and businesses to understand what will be open and how it will be open – so we can promote accordingly and ensure we are driving visitors to the right places. Still working on whether the Steveston Visitors Centre will reopen – not sure yet.</p> <p>The US Border announcement closure until June 21 has brought another wrinkle to our recovery – and this will definitely impact our stakeholders through the summer.</p> <p>Also a request for all of you, Shaena will be sending out details and links and suggested posts for WeAreRichmondBC – please like, share, view and get the word out there.</p>

<p>9. Update from Richmond MLAs</p>	<p>11:43am</p>	<p>MLA John Yap</p> <p>On the provincial scene, a number of items are worth noting. Phase two is well underway. Issues we have been following are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ICBC driver testing – when it will resume. • BC Parks have been reopened and are now available for reservations. There was huge pent up demand and the reservation system could not keep up. People can now make reservations to go camping • PPE, as Matt had mentioned, this is hard to find and often expensive. We have considered lobbying the government to fund PPE for SMEs, including funding from WorkSafeBC surplus. We believe this is something the gov. should consider. • We have been issuing almost weekly letters to the government to provide encouragement and suggestions for the safe reopening of the province. • The sitting of the legislature will recommence the 15th or 22nd of June. It will be a blend of in-person MLAs in Victoria and in homes or offices. The maximum number of MLAs in the chamber will be 30. • We are in discussions with the Chamber to host another Zoom Town Hall in June, to engage with RCC members and others.
<p>10. Update from the Richmond MPs</p>	<p>11:47am</p>	<p>MP Kenny Chiu</p> <p>During the time since the TF last met, the following federal items of significance occurred:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This week we processed the PPE shipment I mentioned the other week. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Air Canada assisted in seeing the equipment safely delivered to MPs in Ontario and Quebec ○ I am working to see the BC part of the shipment distributed to organizations in Richmond this week • We have been engaging constituents with feedback on the application opening to the emergency commercial rent assistance program. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Many are not satisfied with the landlord requirement and we are planning to address this in parliament when able • In response to constituents concerned about the border closure, Border closure continues until at least June 21st • We are also continuing to see concerns about racism • My office as always is assisting constituent concerns with CERB and the CRA. <p>Questions:</p> <p>Lorraine Graves: I know of many students who need summer jobs. I know of many organizations who would be willing to hire through the Canada Summer Jobs program if the application deadline were extended.</p>

		<p>MP Kenny Chiu: Service Canada has stick handled this from the beginning. Our MP offices have also been given expressions of interest. I think this program is written in stone for 2020 but I will follow up and let you know directly.</p>
<p>11. Update from Richmond RCMP</p>	<p>11:51am</p>	<p>Supt. Will Ng</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Residential Break-ins are still low, however there has been an uptick in Commercial Break-ins, mostly to storage lockers at apartment parkades in City Centre; • An elderly female was reported missing from her townhouse yesterday at Steveston and Railway. The South Fraser Search and Rescue participated in the search. Thankfully she was located inside a neighbour's house this morning safe and sound; • School liaison officers are preparing for supporting our School District with re-opening our schools on June 1; • Marine Section have noticed more traffic on our waterways and will be out doing more compliance checks and visibility to prevent tragedies on the water; • Thank you to VCH home care team members from the Richmond Community Health Access Centre for a moving video to Richmond RCMP; • No officers have been exposed to COVID this week and none off on self-isolation
<p>12. Update from Richmond Fire Rescue</p>	<p>11:53am</p>	<p>Chief Tim Wilkinson</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fire staff are generally healthy, no COVID-19 cases at this time. • Fire continues with the Restoring Richmond Plan which is going well. • Building/business Inspections are up and running moving through high priority buildings and businesses • Emergency operations are available at normal levels • Training continues at all fire halls as we prepare for the potential of summer outdoor/wildland fires
<p>13. Questions/ Comments/ Collaboration</p>	<p>11:54am</p>	<p>Mayor Brodie:</p> <p>I just want to remind people what Dr. Dawar said before about resuming elective surgeries and other surgeries at Richmond Hospital. One of the senior medical people, Dr. Dean Chittock will be joining us next week.</p> <p>We will continue weekly for the time being.</p>
<p>14. Adjournment</p>	<p>11:55 am</p>	<p>Mayor Malcolm Brodie</p>

Next call set for 11AM, Tuesday, June 2nd via ZOOM. Call in details to follow.