



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

<p><b>1. Opening Remarks from Co-Chair, Mayor Malcolm Brodie</b></p>	<p><b>11:01am</b></p>	<p><b>Mayor Malcolm Brodie</b></p> <p>This is the 15<sup>th</sup> iteration of our task force. Today we have Chris Back as a special guest presenter from WorkSafeBC. Fan Chun is no longer the Co-Chair so we have Brian Corcoran on the call with us today.</p> <p><i>Roll call.</i></p>
<p><b>2. Opening Remarks from Co-Chair, Fan Chun</b></p>	<p><b>11:05am</b></p>	<p><b>Brian Corcoran</b></p> <p>It's a pleasure to be here and step into Fan's large shoes. I am happy to be part of this Task Force. It's my pleasure to introduce Chris Back, the Director of OHS Consultation and Education Services at WorkSafeBC. Consultation &amp; Education Services serves the workers and employers of BC by positively influencing health &amp; safety behaviours and disability management practices through partnerships, consultation, and outreach. Chris has been with</p>

		<p>WorkSafeBC for six years. Before moving into the Director role, Chris managed the manufacturing &amp; retail portfolio as well as the construction portfolio in Consultation &amp; Education Services. Prior to WorkSafeBC, he held various leadership positions in health and safety and disability management, primarily in the healthcare industry. Chris is a Canadian Certified Professional Ergonomist and holds an MBA from Royal Roads.</p>
<p><b>3. Guest Presentation from WorkSafeBC</b></p>	<p><b>11:07AM</b></p>	<p><b>Chris Back</b></p> <p>As you are aware, the order of the Provincial Health Office (May 15) requires every workplace to have a COVID safety plan. Employers must go through a six-step process, which is outlined on our website, along with templates, as well as industry specific resources. The plan must also be posted to the workplace, available to workers, service providers and contractors, and any patrons. Some large organizations may have a very robust plan, with highlights posted publicly.</p> <p>There are about 300 officers out doing inspections at worksites. We also have 25 consultants who are helping to educate employers, minimize risk and keep employees and the public safer. We are expecting that as an employer, you have navigated the six steps. Inspectors will ask what process you have gone through as employers, related to the six steps. There is also an expectation that workers are being included in developing that plan (a health and safety committee etc.) – this can also help reduce some of the fear in coming back.</p> <p>If an inspector does not find an employer has done due diligence in creating a plan or consulting workers, there may be an order, which provides the employer with information regarding gaps in their program, and gives a period to comply, with WorkSafe as a resource.</p> <p>You don't have to wait for an officer to come visit a worksite. 1-888-621-SAFE is the phone number to call for questions on compliance.</p> <p><b>Questions:</b></p> <p><b>Lorraine Graves:</b> Someone was in touch lately who went to a nail salon and felt there were no safety measures. What should a member of the public do when they feel like no safety measures have been taken by a business?</p> <p><b>Chris Back:</b> You can bring it up with the employer. Public safety issues must go to the public health officer or authority, but the public can also call our reporting line, which results in an action request, assigned to an officer, who must investigate (in person or over the phone).</p> <p><b>Maria Rantanen:</b> How do you prioritize inspections and do you have the capacity to follow up on all action requests?</p> <p><b>Chris Back:</b> They are categorized based on urgency of need – typical response rate is 5 days for a general request. Officers will potentially forego proactive requests to respond to reactive requests.</p> <p>We will not be inspecting every worksite but prioritize on a number of factors. Our inspections have been phased in industries as each is able to resume per the BC Restart Plan (i.e. salons &amp; restaurants in Phase 2, hotels &amp; film in Phase 3). As issues come up through the</p>

		<p>media (i.e. strip clubs or lounges) or through action requests, they can inform priorities.</p> <p><b>Matt Pitcairn:</b> I was watching QP before this call and saw Minister of Labour introduced Bill 23 with enhancements for WorkSafeBC. Can you give us some info?</p> <p><b>Chris Back:</b> We don't have a lot of info prior to bills being introduced. As you know, there have been several reviews within WorkSafeBC within the last year or so, and a number of recommendations that have come out of those reviews. I can't give more information until we hear from the Minister.</p>
<p><b>4. Update from Vancouver Coastal Health</b></p>	<p><b>11:20am</b></p>	<p><b>Dr. Meena Dawar</b></p> <p>As of late yesterday there had been 3,115 cases within BC, with 2,718 recovered. Within Vancouver Coastal Health, 1012 cases have been reported to date, with 92 in Richmond. The province has posted a <a href="#">map</a> with local data. The <a href="#">BCCDC dashboard</a> is an excellent source of information on the progress of the COVID activity through summer.</p> <p>COVID activity continues as expected. New cases reported over the last week, primarily in young adults who have been socializing in the bars and clubs. While these individuals are not at risk of severe disease, this serves as an important reminder to continue to observe physical distancing through the summer. Currently, clubs are using the guidelines for restaurants. These guidelines are being adapted to be more applicable to their context.</p> <p>There were calls from a couple media outlets regarding a Lansdowne Mall exposure. Every single case of COVID is reported to public health and contract tracing is conducted very quickly. Members of the public are alerted if we assess that there is a risk to the public. We are not aware of any public health concern related to Lansdowne Mall. We request that businesses please consult local public health to assist them in a risk assessment prior to making public notifications.</p> <p><b>Questions:</b></p> <p><b>Lorraine Graves:</b> With the newer reporting that better reflects the numbers (as I saw a note that the reporting would be changing), is that increasing official stats or is that separate? As for the second wave, if/when it comes, do businesses, people have to be concerned for a full lock-down?</p> <p><b>Dr. Dawar:</b> As for the second wave, we're now a few weeks past the first wave and have some experience with covid activity given the easing of restrictions. The government and public health officials are starting to look ahead, though we don't yet know what the restrictions or management plan in second wave may look like. We need to respond with restrictions that match the risk, and take into account unintended consequences of restrictions.</p> <p>The official numbers include lab confirmed and clinical or epi-linked cases (those who show symptoms and are contacts of a known case</p>

		<p>but for whatever reason cannot be tested). We try to keep this number to a minimum as there is extensive testing capacity and we want to be sure that every symptomatic person, particularly contacts of a case, have a good opportunity to be tested.</p> <p>Closing by thanking Lorraine who spoke on the CBC this morning – that was courageous and her story will add to the public discourse around the illness.</p> <p><b>Todd Ye:</b> Regarding the Lansdowne case, have the businesses posted information by themselves and not related to the health authorities?</p> <p><b>Dr. Dawar:</b> Businesses on the rare occasion have undertaken public notification on own. We will be reaching out to Lansdowne to clarify the situation.</p>
<p><b>5. Update from the City of Richmond</b></p>	<p><b>11:30am</b></p>	<p><b>Mayor Brodie</b></p> <p><b>Serena Lusk:</b> We are continuing to cautiously, incrementally implement the Restoring Richmond Plan: incl outdoor summer camps, the outdoor pool, and the Richmond Olympic Oval, with modified programming. The “Celebrate Canada Day at Home” event went well and we are looking to combination in-person and at home Maritime Festival programming.</p> <p><b>Cecelia Achiam:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bylaw officers and Community Ambassadors continue to support reopening of public facilities and businesses. There have been some challenges with encouraging young people to physical distance in parks and public spaces.</li> <li>• COVID specific calls have significantly reduced. Regular calls are up to seasonal levels.</li> </ul> <p><b>Kim Somerville:</b></p> <p>Things continue to go well at the Emergency Response Centre, averaging within low 20s for individuals. This is a great connection with VCH and connecting to some discharges from the hospital. Staff continue to coordinate among nonprofits and senior government initiatives.</p> <p>Most childcare facilities are reopening, and most to be open within July and August. Within Richmond, almost 50% of spaces are available. As for seniors programs, the United Way is conducting a survey on the impact on COVID on seniors, the seniors society of BC is gathering info to transition training into a virtual format.</p> <p><b>Katie Ferland:</b> We continue our work to support local businesses through various initiatives in place and ongoing since March, and work with partners through the ongoing economic recovery recovery.</p> <p><b>Malcolm Brodie:</b> At Council, we have been looking at road patterns in Steveston. Changes introduced for July 1 will also be introduced over BC Day long weekend – Bayview will be one way going west and Moncton will closed off to facilitate pedestrian distancing.</p> <p><b>Dr. Dawar:</b> Risk of COVID acquisition by young people: the risk is</p>

		measurably different in indoor environments vs outdoor environments. Young people should be encouraged to gather outdoors and try to keep apart.
<b>6. Update from the Chamber of Commerce</b>	<b>11:35am</b>	<p><b>Matt Pitcairn</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CEWS extended to December - we are eagerly awaiting what that will look like and the modifications made that will better encourage employers to begin making revenue again</li> <li>• As I previously mentioned, Bill 23 was introduced by the Minister of Labour today. It sounds like there are some great enhancements there. We continue to be mindful of any costs put on employers. We want to make sure there is a fair balance of costs and responsibilities in this time.</li> <li>• The 4th Pulse Check survey closed on Monday the 13th. We will update the group with results when received.</li> <li>• Since our last call, the Chamber hosted its annual AGM and Brian Corcoran was elected as Chair, and will now Co-Chair this task force</li> <li>• Nominations are open for the 2020 Business Excellence Awards - we really think it's important this year to keep celebrating Richmond businesses that are leading with resilience and keeping folks employed. Encourage all RCCTF members to be making nominations.</li> <li>• We will be hosting a Golf Tournament in September.</li> </ul>
<b>7. Update from YVR</b>	<b>11:39am</b>	<p><b>Anne Murray</b></p> <p>YVR continues to see passenger numbers increase in July. Since start of July YVR has seen additional frequencies with Air Canada and WestJet, as well as YVR's international airline partners such as Lufthansa (3x weekly), United (twice daily) and KLM (3x weekly).</p> <p>YVR has also worked with its contractors to safely <a href="#">restart some construction projects</a>, including our International terminal expansion and CORE project that includes YVR's new geoexchange facility. YVR has also resumed work for the <a href="#">Templeton Area Redevelopment</a> and construction of the new Templeton Corridor greenspace adjacent to the Burkeville neighbourhood.</p>
<b>8. Update from Tourism Richmond</b>	<b>11:40am</b>	<p><b>Nancy Small</b></p> <p>Some markets around BC seeing some bookings but it has definitely been a very slow and measured start. Keep in mind the reports we are hearing that some markets are full – but not all are. So go enjoy Super. Natural BC – but of course be prepared and know before you go.</p> <p>US Border has just been confirmed to be closed until August 21. Tourism Richmond has commenced our restart campaign. One of our biggest challenges is attracting visitors to come to a more urban environment – so we are really trying to promote Richmond's open spaces. However the trend we are seeing is that Metro Van residents are heading out of town – rather than many heading into</p>

		<p>Richmond and Vancouver as they normally do.</p> <p>A new marketing campaign themed <b>Travel Afar. Near.</b> launched in early July and will run through to the end of the year. Media include online, digital advertising via video and display ads, out-of-home advertising, newspaper advertorials, and earned media. We also started an overnight booking campaign is intended to encourage Metro Vancouver residents to book a staycation in Richmond. Those booking hotel rooms in Richmond will receive incentives.</p> <p>Pacific. Authentic. Discovery Passport is a mobile-exclusive app is now available for download and features some amazing deals with Richmond-based businesses.  <a href="https://www.visitrichmondbc.com/blog/post/eat-shop-and-experience-richmond-with-the-discovery-passport/">https://www.visitrichmondbc.com/blog/post/eat-shop-and-experience-richmond-with-the-discovery-passport/</a></p> <p>The <b>Pacific. Authentic. Locals</b> program aims to both educate and engage residents on the value of tourism to the city. So test yourself and see how well do you know Richmond? We will include the links in the notes. Take the tests <a href="#">here</a>.</p> <p><b>Questions:</b></p> <p><b>Kenny Chiu:</b> Is the Summer Night Market still on?</p> <p><b>Nancy Small:</b> Unfortunately, it has been cancelled for this year.</p> <p><b>Matt Pitcairn:</b> How are hotels doing?</p> <p><b>Nancy Small:</b> Depends who you ask – some were able to pivot their business to healthcare contract or quarantine contract. With the leisure market and most conferences, in person events etc, this is a very challenging year. Many of the hotels in Vancouver will not reopen in 2020.</p>
<p>9. Update from Richmond MLAs</p>	<p>11:44am</p>	<p>MLAs unavailable for this meeting</p>
<p>10. Update from the Richmond MPs</p>	<p>11:44am</p>	<p><b>MP Kenny Chiu</b></p> <p>Last week, there was a small demonstration in front of constituency office in support of migrants’ rights. As the notice posted on the door says, this is an issue to be addressed in the standing committee on immigration. Thank you to the RCMP for making sure everything stays peaceful.</p> <p>MP Wong is the shadow minister for seniors and able to advocate for their needs directly. Encourage everyone on this call to see what else the seniors need.</p> <p>Existing programs need improvement to meet business and student needs while maintaining fiscal responsibility.</p> <p>Because of frequent travel between Ottawa and Richmond, I have taken advantage of the Richmond drive through site, at which I tested negative.</p>

		<p>Office is also answering community concerns and will continue to provide assistance.</p> <p><b>Questions:</b></p> <p><b>Lorraine Graves:</b> Sick days – the early symptoms of COVID are so mild and people are reluctant to give up PTO – can the government make guidelines clear or provide CERB to these people who may be the least bit sick?</p> <p><b>Mayor Brodie:</b> Our policy at the City program encourages just that – encouraging staff to just stay home if at all sick.</p> <p><b>MP Chiu:</b> Sick leave policies are mostly set by the provincial partner. Of course, there is also the EI short term benefit. I will have my office do a Q&amp;A and see if we can find an innovative way of helping citizens.</p>
<b>11. Update from Richmond RCMP</b>	<b>11:51am</b>	<p><b>Supt. Will Ng</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Staff not affected by COVID related sicknesses or self isolation.</li> <li>• There was a peaceful and physically distanced Justice for Mona Wong rally on July 11<sup>th</sup> in Minoru Park attended by approx. 50 people for just over an hour. RCMP and Community Ambassadors attended to ensure community safety and physical distancing.</li> <li>• RCMP is stepping up arson patrols and enforcement from 11 pm &amp; 6 am. There was a deliberately set fire in the area around Granville Francis, No.2 and No. 3 Road</li> <li>• A fatal crash occurred in east Richmond due to excessive speed. Continuing speed enforcement in the City and especially along Hwy 99.</li> <li>• Reopen criminal checks to the public for those requiring it.</li> <li>• Appreciation for Community volunteers at Steveston Community Centre (Drive Through event) on July 15.</li> </ul>
<b>12. Update from Richmond Fire Rescue</b>	<b>11:54am</b>	<p><b>Chief Tim Wilkinson</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We had one exposure to COVID but been medically determined to be able to return to work.</li> <li>• Emergency operations are at normal levels.</li> <li>• Richmond public are great offering help, but are immediately concerned with respect to personal safety. RFR is helping them through the VCH system when calls come in.</li> <li>• Fire Hall 1 is open to the public.</li> <li>• Building and Business inspections operating well.</li> <li>• Fire is supporting the City reopening plan.</li> <li>• Fire continues to run our public education programs virtually through Facebook – new videos are being produced almost weekly with safety messaging. This weeks message focuses on Outdoor fire reduction program Stick it Don't Flick It! and BBQ safety.</li> </ul> <p><b>Lorraine Graves:</b> Those are really well done videos – kudos!</p>

<b>13. Questions/ Comments/ Collaboration</b>	<b>11:57am</b>	<b>Mayor Brodie</b>  I want to thank Chris Back for being with us today for this special presentation. Thank you to everybody for your input. Stay safe.  If you have anything else to add, please send it to Shaena Furlong
<b>14. Adjournment</b>	<b>11:51 am</b>	

***Next call set for 11AM, Tuesday, July 28th via ZOOM. Call in details to follow.***