



Committee Members in Attendance	<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 (MLA, Richmond South Centre) John Yap (MLA, Richmond-Steveston) Jas Johal (MLA, Richmond-Queensborough) Teresa Wat (MLA, Richmond North Centre) Kenny Chiu (MP, Steveston-Richmond East) Sacha Peter, representing Alice Wong (MP, Richmond Centre) Dr. Meena Dawar (Vancouver Coastal Health) Nancy Small (Tourism Richmond) Anne Murray (Vancouver Airport Authority) Simon Chiu, on behalf of Marlyn Graziano (Kwantlen Polytechnic University) Rebecca Swaim (Trinity Western University, Richmond) Scott Robinson (Richmond School District) Andrew Lai (Sing Tao) 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>
Members Absent or unable to login	<p>Ken Hamaguchi (Richmond School District) KM Lui (Ming Pao) Travena Lee (Fairchild Radio)</p>
Recorder	<p>Shaena Furlong</p>

<p>1. Opening Remarks from Co-Chair, Mayor Malcolm Brodie</p>	<p>11:00am</p>	<p>Mayor Malcolm Brodie</p> <p>Welcome to the 13th week of the Richmond COVID 19 Community Task Force. We are very back into the reopening mode and all hoping to keep from backsliding into a second wave.</p> <p><i>Roll call.</i></p>
<p>2. Opening Remarks from Co-Chair, Fan Chun</p>	<p>11:04am</p>	<p>Fan Chun</p> <p>No opening remarks.</p>
<p>3. Update from Vancouver Coastal Health</p>	<p>11:04am</p>	<p>Dr. Meena Dawar</p> <p>As of yesterday, there have been 2745 confirmed cases in British Columbia, 934 of which are within Vancouver Coastal Health.</p> <p>The number of new cases being reported daily remains low and are primarily related to clusters or outbreaks. We expect to see some activity throughout the summer. ICU admissions and hospitalizations remain low. The virus is expected to circulate for</p>

		<p>some time, likely months to a few years.</p> <p>Richmond has a new drive through testing site located at the Richmond Tennis Club which opened to the public last Wednesday. We see on average 50-60 people per day. Reminder that testing of asymptomatic individuals is not recommended.</p> <p>Questions/ Comments:</p> <p>Mayor Brodie: At the end of this meeting, we will talk about whether we want to go bi-weekly.</p> <p>Matt Pitcairn: Are these new testing facilities here to stay until the fall? How do you see testing strategy evolving if we see an aggressive wave two?</p> <p>Dr. Dawar: The public health response will continue to evolve over the next few months. The current test is only the PCR test; there has been some validation of the serology test. It's possible by fall that a serological test will be available from prov lab for specific functions.</p> <p>Mayor Brodie: When I toured the facility last week, they said they were tentatively planning to have it there into the new year, though of course everything is subject to change.</p> <p>Todd Ye: Does that testing facility require physician referral, or can people just go there?</p> <p>Dr. Dawar: A physician or nurse practitioner referral is not required but individuals should only go if they have symptoms.</p> <p>MLA Teresa Wat: In Toronto, the senior homes are now open to loved one visits once a week. What are the talks like regarding limited visitors now? Many seniors really suffer from isolation during this time. I'm hoping that we can think of more creative ways to connect seniors with loved ones.</p> <p>Dr. Dawar: This is a very important question and has been on our minds for many weeks. It's critical that as we protect seniors from COVID, that they also have access to joy, love and personal care that only families can provide. The province is working on a strategy for when seniors homes can safely reopen.</p>
<p>4. Update from the City of Richmond</p>	<p>11:15am</p>	<p>Mayor Brodie</p> <p>Serena Lusk: We are continuing with the Restoring Richmond Plan, expanding access to outdoor amenities and looking forward to steps 3 and 4 throughout the summer.</p> <p>Cecilia Achiam:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Community Ambassador Program is now in full deployment providing over 1600 hrs per week of education regarding physical distancing. The program continues to have a positive impact in the community in our fight against COVID-19.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Emergency Management BC (EMBC) no longer requires local governments to file situation reports for both the freshet and COVID-19. The danger related to the freshet for our area has passed. Daily submission of expenses will still be required to cover eligible emergency response and Emergency Operation Centre related costs. • There has been fewer than expected applications for the Temporary Patio Program. We had 6 applications as of last week and 3 from within Steveston areas. 3 permits have been issued so far. <p>Kim Somerville: The Province has extended temporary emergency funding for childcare so staff are in contact with Richmond Resource and Referral in regard to that. Vancouver Coastal Health and the City are in the process of organizing a meeting with organizations working with seniors. This is to discuss their response to COVID (lessons learned etc.)</p> <p>The Emergency Response Centre has approx. 18 individuals at the centre. Most of these are in crisis. Since opening, the ERC has serviced 28 individuals, with many discharged to higher levels of service or other housing. Some have stayed there since the centre opened, but a number have moved on.</p> <p>Katie Ferland: We're hearing from businesses that accessing PPE and safety supplies continues to be a challenge for them as they develop their re-opening safety plans. We have assembled a list of resources that can help businesses searching for PPE, as well as those local businesses that are manufacturing or supplying PPE.</p> <p>This includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A list of Richmond-made PPE and COVID-19 safety supplies. So far, we have about a dozen businesses on the list that are producing hand sanitizer, face shields, protective barriers, signage & decals, and even temperature sensors and contact tracing systems for business and industrial parks. • Rapid Response Platform which is a simple tool matching supply with demand on a national level. • BC Food & Beverage Protecting our People Program that specifically helps food processors access PPE. • Government of Canada Supply Hub that provides a wealth of information for suppliers and buyers including product specifications and guidance for consumers on what to consider when purchasing various types of PPE. <p>This complete list of resources is available on the City's economic development website at www.businessinrichmond.ca/covid-19.</p> <p>Mayor Brodie: Patio program – about 6 applications have been made with three already approved. This shows that there is a reasonable demand for these accommodations, mostly in Steveston.</p> <p>We also did a traffic study in Steveston to gauge appetite for</p>
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<p>5. Update from the Chamber of Commerce</p>	<p>11:24am</p>	<p>Matt Pitcairn</p> <p>We are still very much focused on helping members reopen. We had a soft reopening of our Chamber office this week – with half of our staff back in the office. As soon as we are 100% ready to go, we will communicate more broadly to the community.</p> <p>There are more requests for certificates of origin as the summer agricultural season begins. We are also beginning to get requests to help new entrepreneurs start their businesses.</p> <p>We opened the nominations portal to 2020 BEAs yesterday. The focus of this year will be resilience – employers who have done the work to keep going. I encourage the RCCTF to make those nominations. We will be hosting a virtual awards gala this year.</p> <p>Today, the federal government announced that they have extended the CERB program for another 8 weeks. This is great for those Canadian who are struggling and relying on that CERB payment. We are hearing more and more challenges from employers who are struggling to hire back. We will be working with the federal government on incentives to get Canadians back to work</p> <p>We have a busy virtual event calendar this week:</p> <p>June 17 - Workplace Health & Safety During COVID-19: Townhall with WorkSafeBC</p> <p>June 18 - Webinar with KPMG: Reopening for Business and Preparing for your New Reality</p> <p>June 19 - Virtual Town Hall with Richmond's 4 MLAs</p>

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6. Update from YVR	11:28am	<p>Anne Murray</p> <p>YVR is starting to see the beginning of recovery and continues to work closely with government and industry partners on introducing health checks in the travel continuum.</p> <p>YVR is a member in the Canadian Tourism Roundtable that is calling on all levels of government to work together to streamline and clarify rules around travel in order to ensure safe, accessible and timely travel for Canadians this summer. As an industry, airlines and airports have taken significant action to rethink our businesses to instill trust in air travel and are committed to restoring the Canadian tourism and travel sector in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic.</p> <p>Mayor Brodie asked last week about capital construction, we have restarted finishing off Pier D. We have also resumed work on the geo-exchange facility.</p> <p>Questions:</p> <p>Mayor Brodie: Have you also rescheduled your AGM?</p> <p>Anne Murray: This is scheduled for June 29th and will be communicating the results of 2019. It will be a virtual public meeting and the URL will be included in the meeting materials.</p> <p>Matt Pitcairn: What are we seeing in other parts of the world in terms of their aviation sector reopening?</p> <p>Anne Murray: In the EU, they are just opening up travel with no isolation restrictions. In Asia, they have quite strict testing and quarantine environments. Both regions are also looking at safe port to safe port protocol. For instance, New Zealand and Australia are in talks of doing something like that. We have talking to the government about this being something we should consider in Canada.</p>
7. Update from Richmond School District 38	11:33am	<p>Scott Robinson</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This is the last week of formal instruction for secondary school students • Elementary will finish up next Thursday • September –we’re waiting for further direction from the Ministry of Education – they will determine what the instructional model will look like for September based on the public health scenario at that time

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We are engaging in preliminary planning for a couple of scenarios <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ First scenario would be a full time return of all students to face to face instruction ○ Second scenario would be a hybrid model of some sort with part time face to face and part time remote learning • The district will plan for both and wait for a ministry decision • We're hopeful that the ministry will communicate their decision by mid-August at the latest and then we will implement whichever model we are instructed to do • The district will be communicating what we know so far to parents towards the end of next week and then again in August when we receive more information from the Ministry <p>Questions:</p> <p>Lorraine Graves: Summer school: are you planning to run this in person? Is there a max capacity? Is it lower than usual? Will any schools be closed all together?</p> <p>Scott Robinson: We are still looking at whether it will be all-remote or if there will be a hybrid model. I will get back to you on the max capacity. I have not had communication in the last week about closing schools for the summer but will get back to you.</p>
<p>8. Update from Tourism Richmond</p>	<p>11:36am</p>	<p>Nancy Small</p> <p>Phase 3 has not been announced yet. Our industry is waiting for that announcement.</p> <p>Many destinations are getting ready with campaigns to launch as soon as Phase 3 is there.</p> <p>I wanted to share some details on Richmond's visitors – and where they come from.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Richmond - 60% of visitors come from places other than Canada. Without those international visitors and Americans it is going to be a quiet summer here. <p>Having said that, we will do as much as we can to support and promote the destination.</p> <p>In our next meeting I will provide more details on our marketing plans - targeting Richmond locals and beyond.</p> <p>As well, we know the tourism industry and the visitor economy is altered – certainly for the near term and maybe for the long term. When we see things like cruising disappearing for this full year, and many challenges around air travel and perceptions of safety, our organization will be looking at everything we do and how we do it.</p>
<p>9. Update from Richmond MLAs</p>	<p>11:39am</p>	<p>MLA Linda Reid</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On Monday morning, the legislature will resume. Only 30 MLAs in will sit in the House. The Legislature will sit until the middle of August. • Some questions are still challenging local seniors: visitation at care homes is a huge issue. PPE supply is a huge issue for care homes

		across BC. Our caucus supports and independent review of long term care in BC.
10. Update from the Richmond MPs	11:40am	<p>MP Kenny Chiu</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Restriction on Canada-USA border crossings has been extended and will continue until at least July 21. Family reunification will be allowed, subject to arrivals going into 14 days of isolation. • Today the Prime Minister announced the extension of CERB by 8 weeks. We have not received details of how this will work as yet. • We are increasingly hearing about CECRA issues. Landlords can't be compelled to apply. • I am in Ottawa debating procedural matter last week. Tomorrow, it will debate incremental supplementary estimates • Thanks to Scott and SD 38, as well as McRoberts leadership who arranged for e-convocation of MP Chiu's 12th-grade daughter and her graduating class.
11. Update from Richmond RCMP	11:45am	<p>Supt. Will Ng</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Experienced a drop in residential break and enter • Commercial break and enter – still have individuals targeting storage lockers in city centre • Fraud and bitcoin ATM scams – rolling out a media campaign for prevention in the next week or so to help combat this • At Garry Point Park, local residents expressed concern about an event. Officers responded and only about 12 people were present • Richmond RCMP will be monitoring a Black Lives Matter demonstration scheduled for Saturday the 20th, along 3 Road. • No officers were exposed to COVID in the past week and none are off on self isolation. <p>Questions:</p> <p>Sacha Peter: Can you comment on any activity on the Quarantine Act in Richmond?</p> <p>Supt. Ng: There have been a few occurrences where we had to assist the public health agency at a quarantine site in Richmond. There were a few occasions where people did not want to comply with the Act. We had to support the quarantine officer in encouraging those people to comply with the Act.</p> <p>Sacha Peter: The provincial order for mass gatherings, limiting it to 50 people, can you give us a comment on how the policy is being applied?</p> <p>Supt. Ng: We are grateful for engaged city bylaws and the ambassador program providing education and awareness. When officers get info that there will be a mass gathering, we try to get ahead of it, and have a conversation with organizers about the expectations. We have a cyber crime officer who monitors social media for this info.</p>

<p>12. Update from Richmond Fire Rescue</p>	<p>11:48am</p>	<p>Chief Tim Wilkinson</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff are healthy with no COVID-19 related absences. • Emergency operations are at normal levels. • Building and Business operations approximately 75% back. • Fire is supporting the City reopening plan. • Fire continues to run our public education programs virtually through Facebook – new videos are being produced almost weekly with safety messaging. This week’s message focuses on Smoke/CO detectors.
<p>13. Questions/ Comments/ Collaboration</p>	<p>11:49am</p>	<p>Mayor Brodie</p> <p>We haven’t heard anything lately from TWU or KPU – can you give me some updates from your end?</p> <p>Simon Chiu: We are completely online for the summer. And mostly online for the fall. Scheduling for beyond the fall remains to be determined.</p> <p>Rebecca Swaim: We are completely online for the summer and nearly completely online for classes in the fall, with limited face to face for labs etc. We will be offering online courses but will be hosting some limited face to face engagements, group discussions etc.</p> <p>MLA Linda Reid: Are you anticipating the same number of international students?</p> <p>Rebecca Swaim: Our numbers have remained consistent.</p> <p>Simon Chiu: I will have to find out and let you know.</p> <p>James Ho: Quick update: our station has seen an uptick in advertisements for the last 2.5 weeks. Things continue to progress and there seems to be an optimism in the ethnic business community (we have let to see an uptick with English advertisers). 2.5 weeks ago there was a fundraiser for the children’s hospital in the Chinese community. The total raised was \$900,000 over two days. Last week, VGH sold out the Heroes home lottery in only a few weeks!</p> <p>Mayor Brodie: The suggestion has been made that we can move to bi-weekly meeting for the foreseeable future and see how it goes. That would make our next meeting June 30th.</p> <p><i>General agreement.</i></p> <p>Lorraine Graves: Once a week, can we send out a page that is one or two lines from each organization to media?</p> <p>Mayor Brodie: That’s a good point, anyone who has any news should send it over to Matt and Shaena and they can send it around,</p>

		or just get it out to the news outlets that are on this call.
14. Adjournment	11:56 am	

Next call set for 11AM, Tuesday, June 30th via ZOOM. Call in details to follow.