



<p>Committee Members in Attendance</p>	<p>Co-Chair Malcolm Brodie (Mayor, City of Richmond) Co-Chair Fan Chun (Richmond Chamber of Commerce) Brian Corcoran (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) Katie Ferland (City of Richmond) Linda Reid and Shelley Leonhardt (MLA, Richmond South Centre) John Yap (MLA, Richmond-Steveston) Jas Johal (MLA, Richmond-Queensborough) Teresa Wat (MLA, Richmond North Centre) Jordon Wood, representing Kenny Chiu (MP, Steveston-Richmond East) Sacha Peter, representing Alice Wong (MP, Richmond Centre) Dr. Meena Dawar (Vancouver Coastal Health) Anne Murray (Vancouver Airport Authority) Ken Hamaguchi (Richmond School District) Marlyn Graziano (Kwantlen Polytechnic University) Rebecca Swaim (Trinity Western University, Richmond) Andrew Lai (Sing Tao) Alvin Chow (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>Serena Lusk (City of Richmond) Nancy Small (Tourism Richmond) Scott Robinson (Richmond School District) Maria Rantanen (Richmond News) KM Lui (Ming Pao) 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 <i>Roll call.</i> This is the 14th meeting of the RCCTF. Each week, these are changing times. We are reopening carefully, safely and trying to help businesses off the ground.</p>
<p>2. Opening Remarks from Co-Chair, Fan Chun</p>	<p>11:04am</p>	<p>Fan Chun A couple of significant things: congratulations to Matt Pitcairn who welcomed a baby girl last Thursday, and a great story in the Richmond News. The Chamber is also looking forward to its first ever virtual AGM this afternoon, and will be welcoming our incoming Chair, Brian Corcoran. Brian will be joining as co-chair of the RCCTF. Brian Corcoran: I'm a partner at PLLR Lawyers. I've been with the firm for about 15</p>

		<p>years. We've always maintained a close connection with the Chamber, and I've been involved with the board for 6 years, and on the executive committee for the last 2 years. I was happy to accept the nomination into the role of Chair.</p> <p>Mayor Brodie: Thank you to Fan. You have performed some great work for this group and the Chamber in these uncertain times. Thank you.</p>
<p>3. Update from Vancouver Coastal Health</p>	<p>11:07am</p>	<p>Dr. Meena Dawar</p> <p>Today, we sit at the six month mark from the first report of a cluster of cases of pneumonia reported by Wuhan Municipal Health Commission. COVID burden worldwide exceed 10 M cases, and 500,000 deaths. Canada has reported over 105,000 cases, with BC reporting 2904 cases as of yesterday. BC has been fortunate in having experienced a lower burden of illness as compared to other jurisdictions in Canada and worldwide. Reports of new COVID cases remains low and stable, with majority associated with clusters. Testing is widely available, and not recommended for asymptomatic individuals.</p> <p>BC continues to ease restriction and we are now in phase 3 of the Restart Plan with resumption of travel within BC, opening of theatres, etc. VCH guidelines to support various sectors in creating safety plans are located at this link: http://www.vch.ca/public-health/environmental-health-inspections Public health guidance regarding staying home when sick, physical distancing, and hand washing still apply. There are a number of public health orders that remain in place.</p> <p>Questions:</p> <p>MLA Teresa Wat: Thank you Dr. Dawar and all of your colleagues. Is COVID-19 testing now open to everybody, even if they don't have any symptoms? My constituent bought a ticket to travel to Taiwan but Taiwan requires travellers to show proof of a negative COVID-19 test to enter. What can be done?</p> <p>Dr. Dawar: Testing of asymptomatic individuals is not meaningful, could lead to harm, and not recommended. It's also not yet publicly funded. Labs are exploring a private pay solution for travellers and businesses but such a solution is not yet available in BC.</p>
<p>4. Update from the City of Richmond</p>	<p>11:17am</p>	<p>Mayor Brodie</p> <p>Serena Lusk is not able to be with us today but Cecilia Achiam has her notes</p> <p>Cecilia Achiam: <u>City of Richmond Update on Restoring Services</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continuing implementation of the Restoring Richmond including outdoor fitness and camps. For more detail refer to the City Website for the Restoring Richmond Plan: https://www.richmond.ca/safety/COVID-19.htm. • Reopening of the Richmond Olympic Oval this Thursday, July 2nd. Refer to: https://richmondoval.ca/ for details.

- Richmond celebrates Canada Day at home program available online tomorrow:
<https://www.richmond.ca/discover/events/richmondcanaday.htm> starting at 9:45 am with a video greeting from the Mayor on Facebook, and continue with local and national content and virtual fireworks at 10pm. It won't be the same but it will be engaging and help connect our community.

Community Bylaws and Business Licences

- There will be road closures in Steveston on Canada Day in anticipation of increased visitation as Canada Day in Steveston is such a tradition in our community.
- Courtesy reminder that the Steveston Harbour Authority has asked visitors to the wharf to wear facemasks.
- Community Ambassadors will be out and about as usual.
- Continue to support business licencing activities for business reopening.

Kim Sommerville:

Staff continue to support organizations. No new info to share currently.

Katie Ferland:

Virtual Connection Day

- The WeAreRichmondBC partners (the City, Chamber and Tourism Richmond) are working with the BC Tech Association to help small businesses understand and adopt technology for e-commerce, digital marketing and remote working.
- These are the kinds of tools that businesses need to consider in order to survive and thrive the shocks like the current pandemic.
- There are two virtual connection days coming up, one on July 9 and the other on July 30, where businesses can receive virtual 1-1 advice and guidance from a technology expert.
- Registration is free and the deadline for the first session is this Friday, July 3. The link to apply is [here](#).

City of Richmond Report re: Update on COVID-19 Economic Response & Recovery Measures

- We've recently prepared a report to update Council and the community on the many different City-wide actions taken, underway or planned to support local businesses and economic recovery.
- It also includes a section highlighting local examples of resilience and innovation that we've seen in Richmond's business community over the last few difficult months.
- This link to the report to Council is [here](#).

Questions:

Written submission: Other municipalities have moved to allow alcohol consumption by adults in some public parks and beaches, recognizing the need to create space outdoors for adults to socialize

		<p>while physical distancing. Can we expect any similar moves in Richmond?</p> <p>Cecilia Achiam: That will require change in provincial liquor laws and haven't heard anything</p> <p>Mayor Brodie: The emphasis has been on traffic management and patio regulations in Richmond.</p> <p>Dr. Dawar: From a public health perspective, in the time of COVID, I would not recommend we go this way in Richmond, in light of the numerous considerations.</p> <p>Lorraine Graves: We have heard from residents who understood that city taxes could be delayed to fall but still getting notices that they need to pay on time or there will be penalties.</p> <p>Mayor Brodie: Taxes are due July 2 and it is a matter of cash flow to preserve services that the city provides. In understanding of the difficult times we are in, there is no penalty being levied until after Sept 30th.</p>
<p>5. Update from the Chamber of Commerce</p>	<p>11:24am</p>	<p>Matt Pitcairn</p> <p>Thank you for the kind words everyone.</p> <p>Our office is reopened full time, with half the staff working there on any given day. We are open for business with new regulations.</p> <p>Extension of Temporary Layoff Provision</p> <p>Last week, the province announced that they would extend the temporary layoff provision to the end of August, in line with Canada Emergency Response Benefit timelines. This was a big push from the Chamber network, as well as our local MLAs and their BC Liberal caucus. This move brings BC in line with other provinces, in recognizing the benefits for businesses and workers in keeping the employer relationship intact until they can be up and running again. The extension will also increase the amounts of termination pay available to employees whose layoffs become permanent.</p> <p>Phase 3 of BC's Restart Plan</p> <p>Tomorrow, BC will move to the third phase of its restart plan. As the largest implications for this are to the tourism industry, I will leave most of this for Nancy's written comments. However, I will say that the business community is buoyed by this progression and we continue to be encouraged by the low levels of COVID transmission in BC.</p> <p>Struggling Businesses</p> <p>Unfortunately, we continue to hear very sad stories from local small businesses who are facing very serious financial hardships. One</p>

		<p>chamber member, a local sports supplier, has seen their revenue drop to almost zero, as most organized sports leagues suspend play, or have postponed seasons. Their landlord is not open to applying to the Canada Emergency Commercial Rental Assistance program but has offered to allow them to pay their outstanding rent over the rest of 2020. Unfortunately, with revenues still very low, their hopes to pay this increased monthly rent are low.</p> <p>We all need to be aware that this year will continue to show a real squeezing of small and medium businesses, even as many aspects of our life return to somewhat normal. This has knock-on effects for the local economy as a whole. Anything that those on the call, and those in the community can do to support our local businesses is appreciated. They need the support.</p> <p>AGM:</p> <p>The minutes will likely be slightly late as our AGM is this afternoon.</p> <p>Like many organizations, we have pivoted to a virtual AGM this year. The sold-out event is taking place this afternoon, after which, Fan will have completed his volunteer service as Chair. Brian Corcoran, partner with PLLR Lawyers will be stepping into his shoes on our Board and as co-chair of the RCCTF. I hope you will join me in thanking Fan for his hard work, and welcoming Brian.</p> <p>Question:</p> <p>Lorraine Graves: It sounds like the uptake on CECRA has been underwhelming. Do you have a feeling of what difference it would make for Richmond businesses if all landlords applied for it?</p> <p>Matt Pitcairn: There's no question it would make a huge difference. However, for a large landlord, there could be hundreds of applications. It would be great if every business could take advantage of the program but that's just not the reality.</p>
<p>6. Update from YVR</p>	<p>11:28am</p>	<p>Anne Murray</p> <p>YVR is seeing passenger volumes slowly increase. Last week, YVR officially launched its biosafety program YVR TAKEcare as part of the airport's multi-layered approach to health and safety. It reflects the latest health, safety and cleaning measures as outlined by governments and health agencies—and complements the comprehensive programs implemented by our airline partners, such as Air Canada's CleanCare+ program—to give passengers and airport workers confidence in the safety of air travel.</p> <p>YVR hit a new pandemic re-emergence peak of 7,300 passengers per day on June 28. Last week, passenger numbers were up by about 30% from the week previous. This growth is expected to continue through the summer as provincial travel restrictions are lifted and airlines increase service, starting in July. For example, Air Canada's summer schedule includes nearly 100 destinations, across Canada, the US and worldwide, while Westjet is also expanding its domestic</p>

		<p>schedule.</p> <p>Looking ahead to COVID-19 recovery, YVR is a founding member of the Future Borders Coalition (formerly the Beyond Preclearance Coalition), which is studying how to implement a “health preclearance” program to minimize risk to air travellers and facilitate supply chain and goods movement. One of the objectives of the work underway is for airports to create a “biosafe zone” that includes conducting rapid COVID tests for arriving passengers. If everyone entering secure zones is negative for the virus, airport shops and restaurants can operate normally, and airlines will know their planes are COVID-free.</p> <p>Finally, today is Craig Richmond's final day as YVR's President & CEO. On behalf of everyone at YVR, we thank Craig for his tremendous contributions and wish him all the best on his retirement. We look forward to welcoming Tamara Vrooman as our new CEO, starting on the 1st of July.</p> <p>YVR Resources:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • YVR TAKEcare Health & Safety Program • Future Borders Coalition COVID-19 Recovery <p>Questions:</p> <p>James Ho: We keep on hearing about people freely travelling by air between Canada and the USA, though the land boarder is restricted. We keep hearing that buying a ticket makes the process very easy. Can you elaborate on that?</p> <p>Anne Murray: I will put you in touch with the CBSA.</p> <p>James Ho: We have contacted them but keep hearing that the airline travel doesn't have the same restrictions that ground travel does. This was demonstrated by some business associates who went to the USA and came back about a week ago. Is that the situation?</p> <p>Anne Murray: The non-essential travel ban applies to air passengers the same way it applies to people across the land border. There are specific situations where it is allowed, outlined by governments, and restrictions including the 14 day quarantine. The non-essential travel ban was extended to July 21st and we await to see what restrictions will be in place after that.</p>
<p>7. Update from Richmond School District 38</p>	<p>11:35am</p>	<p>Ken Hamaguchi</p> <p>At this time, there is not a whole lot to report as school is out. We are expecting to hear something from government on the 3rd week of August. We are hopeful that at least grades 1-7 will resume on a full-time basis in the fall.</p>
<p>8. Update from Tourism Richmond</p>		<p>Nancy Small (<i>written update</i>)</p> <p>Yay for Phase 3! So our industry is kicking into marketing mode.</p> <p>For the remainder of the year, Tourism Richmond is shifting our</p>

focus markets to Richmond residents, Metro Vancouver residents and British Columbians.

As such, we have developed many exciting tactics which will be rolled out over the next several weeks. All details can be found here (you can include this in the follow up

notes): https://www.visitrichmondbc.com/articles/post/2020-restart-programs/?utm_term=READ%20MORE&utm_campaign=Update%3A%20June%2029%2C%202020&utm_content=email&utm_source=Act-On+Software&utm_medium=email&cm_mmc=Act-On%20Software-email-Update%3A%20June%2029%2C%202020-READ%20MORE

1. Pacific. Authentic. Locals.

The Pacific. Authentic. Locals program launches with two fun and engaging knowledge tests covering Richmond as an international travel destination and the value of tourism to the city.

And participants will receive an official ambassador certificate for each test they pass and those who pass both tests will be entered into a draw to win the ultimate Richmond Ambassador Prize full of amazing prizes!

2. Pacific. Authentic. Richmond BC Restart Campaign

Early July, Tourism Richmond will be launching a campaign to engage and inspire Metro Vancouver and BC residents to visit Richmond this summer and fall. This campaign will leverage our “Pacific. Authentic. Richmond BC” brand to bring to life what makes Richmond unique from other BC destinations. It will be supported by a targeted media campaign that includes print, out of home, TV, and digital advertising.

3. Hotel Booking Campaign

Early July, Tourism Richmond will be supporting our hotel partners with an overnight booking campaign. This campaign is intended to encourage British Columbians, with a focus on Metro Vancouver, to book a staycation – and reward them for doing so.

For those booking hotel rooms in Richmond, they’ll receive up to \$325 in American Express gift cards, dependent on how long their stay in Richmond is. This offer will be available on VisitRichmondBC.com and advertised on targeted digital channels such as TravelZoo.

4. Partnerships with Metro Vancouver Destinations

We’ve partnered with Tourism Burnaby, Tourism Langley, Tourism Abbotsford, and Tourism Chilliwack to pool our resources together and execute a high-impact campaign with Daily Hive Vancouver. This campaign aims to encourage locals in each respective community to explore the world within the 100km radius, and to provide tourism and hospitality businesses a kick start to their summer season.

5. Pacific. Authentic. Discovery Online Passport

Mid July, we will be launching a mobile-exclusive web promotion, Pacific. Authentic. Discovery Passport to give locals and visitors a reason to stay, shop, dine and experience all the great things to do in Richmond. Passport holders will receive discounts and special offers

		<p>from participating Richmond restaurants, shops and attractions. Plus, they'll have a chance to win one of three prizes* by redeeming offers and collecting check-ins to various merchants over the summer. Great prizes which are all detailed on our website.</p>
<p>9. Update from Richmond MLAs</p>	<p>11:36am</p>	<p>MLA Teresa Wat</p> <p>Legislative session resumed last week, with more than half of the MLAs connecting via Zoom. Overall, it has been very smooth. We are on a break week and will resume next week until mid-August.</p> <p>Focus will be on economic recovery.</p> <p>Provincial government is tabling measures to give cabinet the power to extend existing emergency measures, including a ban on evictions during the crisis for up to a year.</p> <p>Government has given in to the pressure of business groups and the BC Liberal caucus to extend the temporary layoff provision to the end of August.</p> <p>Richmond MLAs had a very productive discussion last week via zoom with many Richmond organizations. We plan to bring back their concerns and challenges to Victoria.</p> <p>Questions:</p> <p>Matt Pitcairn: I hope that there can be more focus and conversation around education in Victoria. There is a lot of uncertainty for families right now. I hope there can be more long-term holistic planning in the fall – for educators and families. I hope for a better timeline than late August.</p> <p>MLA Jas Johal: Because of the temporary layoff provision issue last week, the timeline was tight, and we had to spend much of our time focusing on that. Part of economic recovery is “can mom and dad go to work while kids are in school?”. I can tell you that education will be one of our focuses going forward.</p>
<p>10. Update from the Richmond MPs</p>	<p>11:42am</p>	<p>Sacha Peter</p> <p>During the time since the task force met on June 16th, I will highlight the following federal items occurred as a result of COVID-19:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Quarantine Act restrictions were set to expire at the end of June. Yesterday, they were renewed to July 31 for immigration-related matters, and August 31 for quarantine in Canada upon arrival. I will supply a link to the order in the chat (https://orders-in-council.canada.ca/attachment.php?attach=39477&lang=en and https://orders-in-council.canada.ca/attachment.php?attach=39478&lang=en) • Yesterday, the Minister of Finance sent a reminder to people yesterday that the previous deferrals on GST/HST

		<p>payments and customs duty payments are due today.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The House of Commons adjourned on June 17 after passing the supply measures. Ordinarily they do not meet again until the middle of September, but due to COVID-19, the next one-day sitting of the House will be on July 8th, when the Minister of Finance will give a fiscal update. • Locally, the COVID-19 issue that is still generating the most attention is about the administration of the Canada Emergency Commercial Rent Assistance program, specifically the paperwork burden and landlords not applying. <p>As always, both of our offices are available for assistance. Thank you.</p>
11. Update from Richmond RCMP	11:44am	<p>Supt. Will Ng</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Staffing not affected by COVID related sicknesses or self isolation. - There was a peaceful and physically distanced Black Lives Matter demonstration on June 20th at Brighthouse Park. - There is another Anti-Racism march planned for July 4th. The RCMP will continue monitoring and to provide assistance as required to ensure public safety. - RCMP has been running an excessive speeding project on Hwy 99 at the approaches into Richmond. There has been 23 excessive speeders caught in 10 hrs. The RCMP will be using regular and social media to continue to remind the public to slow down. - RCMP and Auxiliaries officers have been assigned to Steveston for Canada Day in the event of emergencies. - Break & Enters: Lobby mail box thefts have increased. We have seen a slightly lower rates of residential B&E. - There are still Bitcoin scams going on. Again, RCMP will use social media to warn the public.
12. Update from Richmond Fire Rescue	11:48am	<p>Chief Tim Wilkinson</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Staff remain healthy. There is no COVID related time off, one person is isolating due to travel. - Seeing an increase in significant injuries seen connected to excessive speed emergencies. - Emergency Operations are fully operable. Operational pace is increasing. - Building and Business inspections are operating at approximately 75% of full operation. - Public Education continues through virtual means. - Training continues however limited by physical distancing.
13. Questions/ Comments/ Collaboration	11:49am	<p>Mayor Brodie</p> <p>Lorraine Graves: I travelled in Eastern Europe before the Iron Curtain came down and have contacts who worked as translators there. What we have here in this committee and this province is very special. The open communication we have here is remarkable. I think everyone who organizes this committee and shares updates</p>

		<p>should be proud of their work.</p> <p>Matt Pitcairn: I want to give a big thank you to Fan Chun for his work over the past term. I also want to welcome Brian to the role as Chair. I also want to thank you all for continuing to participate over the summer, and sticking with it, as we come together as a community.</p> <p>Mayor Brodie: I would like to echo those words and leave you with a thought: a headline today from USA Today reads "Fauci says new cases could hit 100,000 daily; new 'pandemic potential' found in China". We have made a lot of progress and there is a lot of credit to people who are right here. This is a difficult time and we are not past it yet..</p> <p>The next meeting will be July 14th.</p>
14. Adjournment	11:51 am	

Next call set for 11AM, Tuesday, July 14th via ZOOM. Call in details to follow.