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Attachments: COVID-19 Government Supports_March 26, 2020.docx

CLR Members,

Faced with the current crisis that is gripping the world I am continually impressed by the unprecedented cooperation among industry associations in our province. This is a time to put aside organizational politics. Our combined focus needs to be on ensuring that our members are getting the best and latest information available so that you can make informed and educated decisions affecting your business, and to protect the welfare of yourselves and the people who are working through this crisis to keep your business and the economy going.

The CLR has joined many other organizations in the province to share information and to combine our knowledge with that of others to maintain a continually updated “Live” document of supports to business. This list is updated almost instantly when something new is announced from the government, private sector, banks, etc. The Province and other agencies are heavily using it and there is no sense in us reinventing the wheel. It can be found at <https://www.bceda.ca/coronavirus.php>

On the BCEDA page, you will see a link: https://docs.google.com/document/d/1OjtkSJ_VedTzPVJIRL2fDp8NyXA07RkXMB6St12eYdc/edit?usp=sharing. This shareable, live guide is being continually updated with the most relevant information, tools and resources for the BC business community.

Please also see the attached list of government supports that the CLR has put together for your information and benefit.

There are some issues and details that have been communicated to us at the CLR that have not yet been answered in this information and the CLR continues to communicate with government and others on getting responses to those questions, or to develop materials ourselves that apply directly to you. So please do continue to communicate your questions and needs to our staff. We will communicate any developments directly to you and will share them with our organization colleagues so that information on these links can also be updated where appropriate.

As difficult as it is for all of us, it is important to keep in mind as we deal with the daily changes that the Coronavirus brings, *that now is not the time to succumb to panic. We will get through this* and we will be that much stronger working together. Working within the guidelines provided by the Provincial Health Officer (PHO) we can operate safe worksites and we can keep our construction sector operating. Where that may not be possible in some cases I am confident that good decisions will be made in each of those instances. Please educate yourself on PHO and other government guidelines and advice, and where issues may not yet be clear, practice good common sense our and our industry will deal with those situations on a case by case basis.

Sincerely,

Ken McCormack | President & CEO

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