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CLR Members,

I hope everyone had a good and safe long weekend.

Please remember that the ***CLR AGM and the meeting of the Council are scheduled for next week on September 17.*** CLR has sent out invitations. If you did not receive one, please contact Joleen Kaminski at the CLR office. If you did receive it, I do hope you will register and support the association with your attendance. This is our first effort at a "virtual" AGM and while we will all miss the great time we usually have at various venues around the province (and will soon enjoy them again), we need your attendance to assure us of a quorum to conduct the business of the association.

Provincial Update

Government is still not meeting as the House remains adjourned for summer. The House will reopen on October 5.

BC's state of emergency under the COVID-19 pandemic is currently in place through September 15. Whether it will be extended again is unknown at this point but considering the escalating cases of COVID cases it seems likely.

The much anticipated provincial Pandemic Preparedness Plan was finally announced by the BC government yesterday. The Plan, which covers the fall and winter period included the following details:

- \$1.6 billion will be geared to the health care system.
- The program to offer flu shots to BC residents is being expanded and everyone older than 6 months is being asked to get the shot. The government expects to have 450,000 new vaccine doses for a total of 2 million and 45,000 high dose vaccines will be available for those in vulnerable populations.
- 700 contact tracers and 7,000 workers will be hired by the province for the "Health Care Access Program" which will provide work and training opportunities for those displaced in the hospitality and service industries.
- Government announced a new "Hospital at Home" program whose purpose is to help to reduce the volume of transmission in acute care facilities. Under the program, elderly patients can have access to in-home care.
- Government is increasing its testing capacity to 20,000 tests per day.

Stay safe,

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