

CLR-INFO

CLR Members,

Please find the latest updates on the current situation in the province.

Provincial News

B.C. Ferries cancel key Canada Day sailings over the mechanical issue as long weekend traffic begins



B.C. Ferries has cancelled key Canada Day sailings between Metro Vancouver and Vancouver Island due to an ongoing mechanical issue with one of its ships, straining traffic during what was already expected to be a busy long weekend.

Sailings between Horseshoe Bay in West Vancouver and Departure Bay in Nanaimo were first called off from morning to midnight on Thursday because the Queen of Alberni is out of service, according to a statement online.

Those cancellations will now continue through the day for Canada Day on Friday.

Learn More: <https://www.bcferrys.com/travel-advisories>

West Moberly First Nations, B.C., BC Hydro and Canada reach a settlement related to the Site C project



The Province of British Columbia, BC Hydro, Canada and West Moberly First Nations have negotiated a settlement related to the Site C project.

This is a partial settlement of West Moberly First Nations' civil claim against BC Hydro, Canada and the Province.

BC Hydro and the Province will provide West Moberly First Nations with financial benefits, contracting opportunities, the transfer of provincial Crown lands, and jointly developed recommendations for land management measures over provincial Crown lands.

[Province updates regulations, services for British Columbians](#)



The Province is releasing the Better Regulations for British Columbians annual report, which highlights the key actions taken by the government to improve services for people and businesses during a challenging year that included the ongoing pandemic, wildfires and extreme flooding.

Better Regulations for British Columbians supports the StrongerBC Economic Plan to build a more inclusive, sustainable and innovative economy for everyone by making sure that all British Columbians have equal access to

government services.

Learn More:

Better Regulations for British Columbians: <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/governments/about-the-bc-government/regulatory-reform>

The StrongerBC Economic Plan: <https://strongerbc.gov.bc.ca/plan>

[Accessibility Standards Canada and the Ministry of Attorney General and Responsible for Housing collaborate on accessible building codes and standards](#)

Accessibility Standards Canada and British Columbia's Ministry of Attorney General and Responsible for Housing have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to optimize efforts and resources dedicated to creating a barrier-free Canada. This MOU acknowledges a formal agreement to share information and harmonize accessibility standards related to building codes wherever possible.

The MOU is also expected to support, foster, and enhance the ability of both parties to collaborate and coordinate efforts in the area of building codes and standards.

Associated links

[Accessibility Standards Canada](#)

[B.C. Government's public consultation on accessibility](#)

[British Columbia Building Code](#)

COVID UPDATES

[The Government of Canada maintains current border measures for travellers entering Canada](#)



On June 29, the Government of Canada announced it is extending current border measures for travellers entering Canada. Requirements for travellers arriving in Canada are expected to remain in effect until at least September 30, 2022.

In addition, the pause of mandatory random testing will continue at all airports until mid-July, for travellers who qualify as fully

vaccinated. The pause was put in place on June 11, 2022, and is allowing airports to focus on streamlining their operations, while the Government of Canada moves forward with its planned move of COVID-19 testing for air travellers outside of airports to select test provider stores, pharmacies, or by virtual appointment. Mandatory random testing continues at land border points of entry, with no changes. Travellers who do not qualify as fully vaccinated, unless exempt, will continue to test on Day 1 and Day 8 of their 14-day quarantine.

[Moderna seeks Health Canada nod for new double-protection COVID-19 booster](#)



Moderna has submitted an application to Health Canada for approval of its new [COVID-19 vaccine](#), designed to protect against both the original strain and [Omicron](#) variant of the virus.

Patricia Gauthier, president and general manager for Moderna Canada, says the application for its combination shot, known as a bivalent vaccine, was submitted to the Canadian regulator Thursday.

If approved quickly, doses could be ready for Canadians as early as September.

[NACI urges fall COVID-19 boosters](#)

National Advisory Committee on Immunization (NACI) expects a COVID-19 resurgence this fall and winter and is urging jurisdictions to deploy the latest series of booster shots against COVID-19 in time for fall.

NACI is strongly recommending additional shots for Canadians older than 65, residents of long-term care, those older than 12 with medical conditions that put them at “high risk of severe” COVID-19 as well as people from Indigenous communities and racialized communities disproportionately affected by COVID-19.

Meanwhile, all other Canadians between 12 and 64 are being given a discretionary recommendation for the latest series of booster doses.

NACI said Wednesday it will be given recommendations at a later date for the specific types of booster vaccines as new COVID-19 vaccine formulations more adept at fighting prevalent strains become available.

Mental Health & Substance Use

[New Rapid Access to Addiction Care clinic opens in Abbotsford](#)

People with substance-use challenges living in Abbotsford and surrounding communities have better access to addiction medicine with the opening of the Fraser East Rapid Access to Addiction Care (RAAC) clinic.

The new clinic serves people who have challenges with alcohol, benzodiazepines, nicotine, stimulants and opioids by providing low-barrier access to addiction medicine and medication-assisted treatment. The clinic will be staffed by doctors, nurses, clinical support workers, social workers and group therapists.

Learn More: [Mental health and substance-use supports in Fraser Health](#)



Stay safe,

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