

June 25/20 CAO Remarks

Good Morning Mayor and Council.

Emergency Operations Centre

We made a decision to deactivate the EOC for now. The COVID-19 teams site will remain for sharing information and in anticipation of the need to reactivate in the fall for the second wave of COVID. EOC staff are now conducting an After Action Review while will involve staff and stakeholder interviews related to lessons learned. EMBC has been notified of our deactivation and our final situational report will be submitted for this reporting period.

City Service Expansion

The next phase of our gradual reopening starts next Thursday -- July 2. The public service area on the main floor will be open for drop in service for those who need it. Staff have developed the necessary safety control plan which aligns with WorkSafe and the public health guidelines. Signage, floor markings, plexiglass screens and other infrastructure will be erected over the coming days. Internal and public communications have been developed to update staff and residents on the upcoming changes.

Virtual Canada Day

Canada's 153rd birthday – Victoria's Canada Day.

Presented in partnership with Canadian Heritage, will feature an impressive line-up of diverse multicultural performances

broadcast commercial free on CHEK, and streamed on the City's website and a range of online platforms, July 1 at 7pm for one hour. The virtual celebration will feature music and performances by local groups, including the Lekwungen Dancers, as well as crowd sourced content from the community that is currently being filmed and curated. People can contribute to the broadcast themselves by uploading a 20 second video conveying "What it Means to Me to be a Canadian" or by singing "O Canada". Selected videos will be interspersed throughout the Canada Day special. Updates, video uploads, and details of Victoria's Canada Day can be found at www.canadadayvictoria.ca

Peter Pollen Waterfront Park

The City hosted it's first virtual open house over the past three weeks, to receive public feedback on the concept design for Peter Pollen Waterfront Park. This new approach was a creative way for the City to continue to progress this major project, while complying with the current public health guidelines. The feedback details are still being reviewed, however, the response was overwhelmingly positive with more than 680 surveys completed.

Build Back Victoria

54 apps received

- 23 permits issued
- 18 in-progress

- 13 with outstanding requirements (on the business for next step)