

Dear Community Members,

This week I wanted to share with you something that I am very proud of and is extremely important. The BC government has shown that we are committed to including multiple voices into governance, time after time. When many voices come together, we get much closer to ideas, policies and programs that work for everyone. The BC government takes into consideration voices of experts, citizens, neighbours, First Nations, young people, elders, those who are affected by choices and those who have a strong stake in a particular decision.

Have your say

Throughout the pandemic and before, the BC government used **govTogetherBC.com** as a way to engage with people on the details that effect their lives or which people feel passionately about. If you would like to know about the results of past consultations, have a specific topics to which you wish to become involved with, or want to add your two cents, I encourage you to check out

<https://engage.gov.bc.ca/govtogetherbc>

Currently there are **a number of active engagement pieces**. I've listed just a few below. Click on the link to add your voice:

Permanent Paid Sick Leave: <https://engage.gov.bc.ca/govtogetherbc/consultation/permanent-paid-sick-leave/>

Declaration Act – Indigenous People invites to participate to provide feedback on the provincial government's draft action plan to meet the objectives of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples: <https://engage.gov.bc.ca/govtogetherbc/consultation/declaration-act/>

B.C Skilled Trades Certification:

<https://engage.gov.bc.ca/govtogetherbc/consultation/b-c-skilled-trades-certification/>

Reconciliation between Snuneymuxw First Nation and British Columbia:

<https://engage.gov.bc.ca/govtogetherbc/consultation/reconciliation-between-snuneymuxw-first-nation-and-british-columbia/>

Anti Racism Initiatives:

<https://engage.gov.bc.ca/govtogetherbc/consultation/anti-racism-initiatives/>

BC PharmaCare: Your Voice:

<https://engage.gov.bc.ca/govtogetherbc/consultation/bc-pharmacare-your-voice/>

Enhancing Substance Use Prevention in BC Schools:

<https://engage.gov.bc.ca/govtogetherbc/consultation/enhancing-substance-use-prevention-in-bc-schools/>

Climate Preparedness and Adaptation Strategy:

<https://engage.gov.bc.ca/govtogetherbc/consultation/climate-preparedness-and-adaptation-strategy/>

Douglas Fir:

<https://engage.gov.bc.ca/govtogetherbc/consultation/douglas-fir/>

French Immersion Programs in B.C.

<https://engage.gov.bc.ca/govtogetherbc/consultation/french-immersion-programs-in-b-c-2/>

Vaccination Availability

As we near the end of the summer, I am very grateful for all those who have prioritized public health by making the personal decision to become immunized. For those who have been waiting for less lines, to be convinced by the science of the protection, or have just returned from vacation and are ready to get the jab – we are ready for you. Walk-ins are available at the Filberg Centre everyday! No appointment required. Starting September 12th the vaccination site will switch from the Filberg Centre to the Comox Valley BC Assessment Building, at 2488 Ideiens Way.

Praise to Firefighters

After visiting with family in the interior, it's a stark reminder how quickly wildfires can change and shift. With the fire in Ladysmith in our thoughts here on the Island, I am reminded of how important the work of firefighters is. I am not surprised that the firefighters are getting fatigued. It is a relentless pursuit to beat back these infernos. They deserve to be raised up as the heroes they are, as they sacrifice time with their families and risk their own safety to help others. Very thankful they bring their dedication and skills

to this daunting work.



Backburn that was started last Thursday at Youngs Lake near Watch Lake



Smokey Nightfall - Interior

My constituency office is available by phone or email. Available hours are Monday to Thursday 10am-4pm, and Fridays by appointment only. You can reach us at 250.703.2410 or Ronna-Rae.Leonard.MLA@leg.bc.ca if you have any questions or need assistance with provincial supports.

Sincerely,

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COVID Resources:

For medical info, visit bccdc.ca or call 811

For vaccination info, visit gov.bc.ca/getvaccinated

For provincial supports and BC's Restart Plan, visit gov.bc.ca/covid19 or call 1-888-COVID-19 (1-888-268-4319) or text 604-630-0300

For employer guidelines on returning to work safely, visit WorkSafeBC

Take the self-assessment at covid19.thrive.health

For seniors looking for additional support, or for those looking to support seniors, call 2-1-1 or visit bc211.ca

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- For medical info, visit covid-19.bccdc.ca or call 811
- For the BC Recovery Benefit, visit gov.bc.ca/recoverybenefit or call 1-833-882-002
- For financial supports for people and businesses, [visit this page](#).
- For PHO orders and guidance, [visit this page](#).
- For seniors looking for additional support, or for those looking to support seniors, call 2-1-1 or visit bc211.ca
- For virtual mental health resources, [click here](#).