

Happy Labour Day

Dear Constituent,

Celebrating Labour – and Rest!

I hope that you all got a nice break this summer, whether it was meeting with friends and family or a remote getaway. We are approaching the last long weekend of the summer and this weekend we celebrate labour day. It's the labour movement that suggested a reasonable work-life balance 8-8-8 (8 hours of work, 8 hours of recreation, and 8 hours of rest). Whether you have completely achieved this work-life-leisure balance, are looking for work, or trying to find more time for your family, I wish you all the best this weekend. This weekend we celebrate the ways that the labour movement has brought us closer to the ideal.

Privacy Concerns

If you are looking for a good read this weekend or have concerns specifically around privacy and the vaccine passport, I encourage you to read the Federal Office of the Privacy Commissioner's report on the issue. It's important to note that like an ombudsperson, the Independent Police Complaints Commissioner, and BC Human Rights Commissioner, the Office of the Information Privacy Commissioner here in BC is a body independent of government. These offices are watchdogs to protect individuals and ensure fairness. Here is the link to the report:

https://www.priv.gc.ca/en/opc-news/speeches/2021/s-d_20210519/

If you are looking for more info for individuals and businesses, check out the BC OIPC website:

<https://www.oipc.bc.ca/privacyright/>

My constituency office is available by phone and email. For assistance with provincial supports, temporary hours are: Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 10am-4pm, and Wednesday mornings.

Sincerely,

Ronna-Rae Leonard
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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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It is a privilege to live and work on the traditional lands of the K'omoks First Nations.

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COVID Resources:

- 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](#).

[Cleaning, dietary workers coming back in-house at B.C. hospitals](#)

- Nearly 20 years ago, the BC Liberals took actions against health care workers and we're still dealing with the aftermath of those choices.
- Our government is bringing thousands of support service workers that were previously contracted out, back to work directly for health authorities.

- We're working to treat those who provide essential and life-saving work with the fairness and dignity they deserve.

[Transit free in B.C. for children 12 and under](#)

- We're making it easier and more affordable for families to get around while helping to reduce carbon emissions and support a cleaner environment.
- Public transit is now free for all children 12 and under in B.C., saving families money, increasing access to affordable transportation options, and encouraging more people to use public transit.

[Sixteen new, improved schools to start school year](#)

- We are prioritizing education and investing in the next generation with new, improved, and larger schools across the province so kids can reach their full potential.
- Right in time for the new school year, our government has invested almost \$353 million into new schools, allowing more than 8,600 students to return to a safer and modernized classroom at 16 new or improved schools throughout the province.

[Healthier watersheds, wetlands for a stronger future](#)

- Protecting and preserving our environment is so important for the health and well-being of the planet and future generations.
- During the past 6 months, more than 60 Healthy Watersheds Initiative projects have been launched at more than 200 sites around the province.
- We're working to restore watersheds and wetlands to protect aquatic ecosystems and promote healthier environments for British Columbians and wildlife.

<https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2021EDUC0068-001719>