

Dear Constituent,

September always seems to carry us fully into the bustle of life. Whether you have recently returned to school, back to the office, or are wondering whether it's time to put away the summer sports gear, I hope you are enjoying this autumn.

1st week of Vaccine Card

This week the vaccine card came into effect. It has meant that we are able to get out and do more of the things that we love in a safe manner. As a reminder, the process for obtaining the cards is: 1) Get vaccinated 2) Visit gov.bc.ca/vaccinecard to download or print a copy of your BC Vaccine Card. If you are not able to access the digital BC Vaccine card, ask a trusted friend, family member, or support person to print your card for you, visit a Service BC centre, or call 1-833-838-2323 to get a copy of your card mailed to you. These are the things that are allowing us to safely do more.

BC's Economic Recovery - stronger than forecasted

The work of all British Columbians has helped BC's financial recovery. Despite the ongoing uncertainty from the pandemic, current forecasts are showing an increase in revenues and a reduction in the deficit for the 2021-2022 fiscal year in B.C. Over the last year, B.C. has been challenged by the pandemic in ways we never could have imagined. This quarter's strong performance has put B.C. in a better economic and fiscal position than we had originally anticipated. You can learn more at this site: [Updated forecast signals strong recovery for B.C., pandemic uncertainty remains](#)

Mental Health, additions care: report

A new progress report has shown that people in B.C. are already getting better access to mental health and substance use services achieved through our government's 10-year plan, A Pathway to Hope. This is significant progress showing we're on track to achieve our goal of building the system of care people need and deserve. <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2021MMHA0049-001787>

New ways to recycle

Our government is making it easier and more convenient to recycle household items and electronic items by expanding the list of products eligible for free, provincewide recycling. Electric-vehicle batteries, mattresses, single-use fuel canisters and fire extinguishers are among the products that will be eligible for provincewide recycling as part of a five-year plan to advance recycling in British Columbia. For more information and to share visit: <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2021ENV0052-001767>

I hope you stay dry and safe this weekend. Please remember that my constituency office is available by phone and email for assistance with provincial supports. My office's 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 covid-19.bccdc.ca or call 811
- 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](#)

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