



In this issue:

01 COVID-19 UPDATE

02 RESOURCES

To Watch: City Parks Alliance Webinar

To Learn: Alberta Report on Recreation and Emergency Response

To Do: City-Share Canada

03 PHYS-ACT CORNER

COVID-19 UPDATE

PRO has continued to closely monitor both the federal and provincial announcements and is advocating on behalf of the sector for support during and following the pandemic. Here are a few updates from PRO:

- Minister of Heritage, Sport, Tourism and Culture Industries Lisa MacLeod continues to hold virtual town hall meetings. Earlier this month, she announced that she will be **creating 14 new advisory committees alongside a community consultation to develop a strategic economic recovery plan spanning five years**. A report from the committees will be released in four weeks.
- The Province extended the deadline to provide feedback on the Proposed Regulatory Matters Pertaining to Community Benefits Authority, the Planning Act, the Development Charges Act and the Building Code Act. PRO provided a submission calling on the government to pause and do more consultation.
- We continue to compile helpful resources, posting them on our social media accounts, on our [COVID-19 Resources](#) page and the [PRO Knowledge Hub](#).
- **Upcoming webinar on virtual recreation programs:** PRO is scheduling a webinar for the week of April 27 (TBC) on virtual recreation programs and camps. Hear what other communities are doing and what you need to consider before launching online programs.
- **Policies and Procedures:** PRO is developing guidance documents for parks and recreation operations once the pandemic restrictions are lifted. We are working with public health and recreation stakeholders to create essential information geared to operations in our sector.

RESOURCES

To Watch

City Parks Alliance Recorded Webinar: Programming While Social Distancing

Organized by our American neighbours at the City Parks Alliance, hear from three different urban communities about their creative strategies for engaging communities during the COVID-19 pandemic. This webinar includes strategies, lessons learned and resources from the Memphis River Parks Partnership, the Willamalane Park and Recreation District, and Maryland National Capital Parks. [Click here](#) to watch the webinar and [click here](#) for the accompanying slides.

To Learn

Building on the Basics Resource Guide: Planning for Recreation in Emergency Response and Recovery

Facing three large scale emergency events in just five years, Alberta has seen first hand the role of the recreation sector in emergencies. Created by Alberta Culture and Tourism in August 2017, this guide is intended to provide tools and resources to plan for recreation opportunities during and after an emergency. This is a useful example of how we can use our strengths as a sector and track lessons learned. [Click here](#) to read the report.

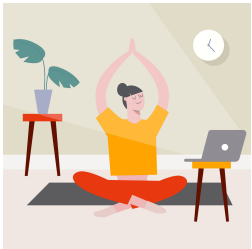
To Do

City-Share Canada

Visit City-Share Canada, a real-time, crowdsourced platform that houses resources, tools, and stories on how city builders and residents are responding to COVID-19. Explore examples of how Canadian communities are responding to the crisis with creativity and imagination, and input examples from your community. Collective problem-solving and collaboration will be instrumental in how Canada mitigates the local impacts of COVID-19 and creates on-the-ground solutions. [Click here](#) to visit the site.

PHYSICAL ACTIVITY CORNER

Tips and tricks for staying active and healthy while practising physical distancing at home



For seniors, inclusive virtual programming can make a big difference in maintaining consistent routines and staying active. Read about the experiences of Barb and Julian Greaves in Tillsonburg for ideas on how to create seniors-based virtual programming. [READ MORE](#)