



March 18, 2020

Dear Presidents:

**RE: Update on COVID-19 and Invite to a ZOOM Meeting**

I hope this email finds you and your family safe and well.

As you know community centers were closed to the public, as of March 17 at 1:45 p.m.. (<https://www.alberta.ca/release.cfm?xID=69831287F86B2-0CDB-543B-1137EAA2AD56F3D4>).

The Federation is OPEN. We have most of our staff working at home but five staff are in the office everyday. We are here to meet your needs! We are an email away. Here is our staff list: <https://calgarycommunities.com/our-people/>.

We have had a few questions around staff and contractors being able to access the halls. At this point, workplaces have not been shut down. So if they are not exceeding 50 people and are practicing social distancing they can still go to work. I am seeking further clarification on groups like AA and Canada Blood Services clinics. At this point, it is a government order to close. More clarification to come.

Another question is about funding and staffing. I know this is on all of our minds, especially with Dr. Deena Hinshaw stating "COVID-19 has forced us to make some extremely difficult decisions. We have had to weigh lives against livelihoods. And in order to save lives, I have had to make recommendations that will take away livelihoods for many Albertans over the next several weeks to months."

<https://www.alberta.ca/release.cfm?xID=698475F92ADBC-E588-02F3-7B986A4CD7641A45>

We are currently watching both federal and provincial sites to learn more about any support offered for non-profits to cover loss of revenue and/or ongoing operations. We will post information as we find it. We created a new resource page: <https://calgarycommunities.com/covid-19-community-organization-resources/>

I phoned AGLC today and gained assurance that AGLC funds can be used for operating costs like electric, gas and telephone. The rule of cost recovery remains in place but with no revenue coming in community associations may be able to use up to 100% of Casino funding to cover your approved costs. Other types of organizations are restricted to 50%; please consult your "Use of Proceeds" for confirmation of your eligibility.

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Today we held a ZOOM meeting with some Administrators. It was very well received. We thought we would offer it to President's. This meeting will be held on:

**Friday, March 20**

**12:30 to 1:30 p.m.**

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/295153623?pwd=RmhiMHRIM0ZiV0FxRWx2WG9ld2dXQT09>

Meeting ID: 295 153 623

Password: 251605

Dial by your location 1 778 907 2071

This won't be the only meeting. We will hold more opportunities next week, knowing that not everyone can meet on Friday, nor be in a place where they need to.

This is a time when we need to support each other, our families, friends and neighbours. I know this is a long game for all of us...we will get through this.

I hope to see some of you on Friday.

Sincerely,

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