

HASTINGS CROSSING



Hello Hastings Crossing,

It's the Friday before the long weekend and I would like to announce two new supports that may be of interest to you and send a reminder of next week's Annual General Meeting.

Federal Supports

We have been working closely for several months with other Vancouver BIAs to advocate for better support for businesses from government. Today the government announced some important and hopefully positive changes to [their programs](#).

Though the [new rent relief program](#) doesn't satisfy all of our requests, it does improve on the CECRA program it replaces. For example, the new program allows businesses to apply directly for rent relief on a sliding scale according to their drop in revenue.

There was good news, too, on the Canada Emergency Business Account (CEBA) with an increase in the amount of forgivable lending to \$20,000. The Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy was also modified to maintain 65% wage support rather than dropping to 45% as previously planned.

As always, we will remain engaged with all levels of government and I welcome all your input on how we can best support you.

Holiday Lighting

Our neighbourhood is not looking its best these days and after adding more cleaning support, I'm now working on two more initiatives to improve sanitary conditions. And as we look forward to the holiday period, I'm exploring an opportunity with Atira and the City of Vancouver to help local organizations brighten up the neighbourhood with holiday lights.

We would love to make it easy for you to plan, buy, and install a light display in your windows. To this end, we plan to make funding available to offset the cost of lights and will offer design and installation services at no cost.

Please contact me as soon as possible if this is something you may be interested in!

Annual General Meeting

We're hosting our AGM next Wednesday at 6:00 PM online and hope to see you there! Whether you want to learn more about the BIA's activities, become involved, or offer input on how we can better support you, your participation is welcomed. More information is available on the HxBIA website and in the invitation package you should have already received.

The meeting will be at:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81485794104?pwd=d05vckVSSnJEcUdJakZZOU91bnVDZz09>

All the best to you this long weekend and I hope to see you Wednesday at 6:00 PM!

Cheers,
Adam

