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A NOTE FROM DOUG

June was a busy month here in Barrie-Springwater-Oro-Medonte, with some major, provincial funding announcements in Barrie.

In one week, MPP Khanjin and I announced over **\$43 million in provincial funding coming to Barrie**, in two separate investments; RVH and the YMCA.

The Township of Oro-Medonte will see SWIFT projects launching this month, Georgian College will be receiving **over \$560,000** to help increase enrollment in nursing programs, and all of Ontario will be moving into Step 3 of the Roadmap to Reopen plan ahead of schedule, on Friday, July 16th. Life is returning to normal, and events are taking shape across our communities. I hope to see you all out and about this summer, while we enjoy all of the incredible things our area has to offer - including all of our stellar local businesses!

NEW YMCA IN BARRIE

Last month, I announced that the Provincial Government would be providing over \$29 million in funding for a new YMCA Community HUB in Downtown Barrie.

This new project will help bring together important community supports, while providing all the recreation services we've come to expect from the YMCA.



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The new YMCA Community hub will bring an approx 77,000 sq ft. facility, right into the heart of downtown Barrie, located at the corner of Bradford and Dunlop streets. The new facility will include:

- 40 licensed child care spaces
- Youth centre (with kitchen, computer lab and recording studio)
- Rehabilitation space (Cardiac/cancer post care)
- Youth transitional housing (20 bedrooms)
- Youth outreach/employment offices
- Multi-purpose/meeting rooms
- Recreation spaces: aquatic centre, fitness/weight room, track, gymnasium, change-rooms, indoor playground, fitness studios.

The YMCA Community HUB is expected to be part of HIP Development's plans for the former Central Collegiate site at 34-50 Bradford st., and a portion of 125 Dunlop St. W.

The development includes two 20-storey towers, one 10-storey residential building, a semi-public urban parkette, and a five-storey parking structure. This project would bring **600 residential units to the downtown core.**



STEP THREE REOPENING

On July 16, at 12:01 am, Ontario will move into Step Three of the Roadmap to Reopen.

Step Three of the Roadmap focuses on the resumption of additional indoor services with a larger number of people and restrictions in place.

Ontario will remain in Step Three of the Roadmap for 21 days. Ontario will exit Step Three of the Roadmap when 80% of the eligible population has received one dose of a Covid vaccine, and 75% have received their second dose.



STEP THREE INCLUDES:

- Outdoor social gatherings and public events with up to 100 people
- Indoor social gatherings and public events with up to 25 people
- Indoor religious services permitted with physical distancing
- Indoor sports and recreational fitness facilities open to 50% of capacity space or 1,000 people, whichever is less
- Essential and non-essential retail limited to 2M distancing capacity



STEP THREE INCLUDES:

- Indoor meeting and event spaces at 50% capacity or 1,000 people, whichever is less
- Personal care services, including services that require the removal of a face covering
- Museums, galleries, historic sites, aquariums, zoos, landmarks, botanical gardens, science centres, casinos/bingo halls, amusement parks, fairs and rural exhibitions, festivals with capacity limited to not exceed 50% indoors and 75% outdoors
- Concert venues, cinemas and theatres permitted to operate at 50% capacity indoors (limit of 1,000) for seated events, and 75% capacity (limit of 5,000) outdoors for unseated events

The provincial government is providing RVH with an additional \$14 million to help reduce surgical backlogs and respond to COVID-19. This funding intends to make certain that RVH is able to continue their passionate commitment to providing care, and that they are able to meet current and future demands for services.

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