

To all SSAC members,

Welcome to the new world. I hope you are all well and semi-coping with change. Now, here we are - big time with big changes. We are all lonely for the wonderful food, activities and friendly social times at our centre. The Covid-19 health emergency has significantly altered our daily living and the question on everybody's mind is - what will happen next?

Together, we are envisioning how the Centre, our mandate and our membership will recover and move forward. What is this going to look like? Our daily processes, our activities and our food program are going to notably change from what we are used to. As expected, social distancing will become a daily staple.

Now, BC guidelines are being eased as the Covid-19 statistics are improving. With that, we are now hoping to gradually and safely begin a limited food service, commence some activities at the centre where social distancing can be followed and also use the new computer service where your activity leaders can connect with you using Zoom meetings.

Over the next coming weeks, a General Risk Assessment will be sent to all activity coordinators. Once we have collected and analyzed the results, we will be in a better position to determine which activities can re-open. Further, we would encourage those activity coordinators to maintain their respective schedule, so participants can return to their routine prior to the emergency.

In the meantime, we are developing logistics on re-opening our food program. We are expecting to resume frozen food sales and distribution on a take-out basis.

This service will be restricted to:

- members only
- payment by debit or credit card only, NO CASH
- limited days and hours of operation also will be in effect.

As many of you know, the Centre relies upon grants, donations, food sales, activity fees and membership dues to support our budget. Upon examination, federal, provincial and some local grants are beyond our grasp. We simply don't qualify. Fundraising activities have to be re-worked

to accommodate Covid-19 restrictions. And, our daily operations have had a direct hit with the closure of the centre.

More than ever, we need your support. Donations of over \$100 will be issued a tax receipt.

We will keep you advised of any developments, as they become apparent.

Stay calm, stay safe and be kind. I look forward to seeing you soon.

Chris Kane, President