

# SEASHELL ECHO

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## VCH and Re-opening

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**O**ver the course of the first half of 2021, SSAC has been privileged to provide the largest, cleanest, and most hospitable vaccination clinic on the coast. For each of the 32 clinic days by the end of June, the SSAC saw more than 800 residents receive their shot at the Centre.

In total, approximately 25,000 vaccinations have been administered at the facility. The rental has also generated \$15,000+ to assist us in managing losses during the pandemic closure.

“It is thanks to your ongoing commitment to the health and wellbeing of the Sunshine Coast communities that we have reached the point where we are now planning to reduce the number of clinics we offer.” Karen Inkpen, Project Manager for the Sunshine Coast Vaccination roll-out says, adding “I want to express our sincere gratitude to your members for supporting us to deliver the Covid-19 vaccine campaign at your facility.”

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**SAVE THE DATE! - AUG. 25, 2021**

General Membership Meeting - *See page 2 for details*



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# VCH and Re-opening . . .

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Vancouver Coastal Health (VCH) will be leaving our Centre in early August, and we look forward to getting back to regular activities soon after.

The Board has projected re-opening, at least partially, in the fourth quarter of 2021 but the variables in play still keep this a tentative projection.

Following VCH vacating the Centre, we need to strip and re-wax the floor prior to inviting members to use the auditorium. This will take at least one full week. With the need to hold a full membership meeting as soon as possible, to meet provincial and federal regulatory requirements, it appears the earliest we can resume full operations is late August. Even that is tentative, because world-wide, the Delta and Lambda variants raise new concerns and a resurgence of Covid-19 infections may affect our ability to re-start some or all of our usual activities.



“As you grow older, you will discover that you have two hands—one for helping yourself, the other for helping others.”

- Audrey Hepburn



## Good News

# Save the Date!

**S** SAC will hold a **General Membership Meeting on Wednesday August 25, 2021 at 1:30PM, in our auditorium.** Reservations are required for attendance. Please call 604.885.8910 or email [ssac@dccnet.com](mailto:ssac@dccnet.com) to hold your seat.

Unfortunately, some key Board Members resigned during Covid-19 so we have vacancies that need to be filled. We need candidates to put their names forth for the position of Treasurer and Secretary. The details of these positions are available on our website in the Centre's Bylaws (pg 16 section 52). Feel free to reach out to Lori Stemmler at the Centre if you need more details.

In addition we are looking for 4 Directors at Large which will bring the Board to ten individuals.

This is the time to have your say, as we:

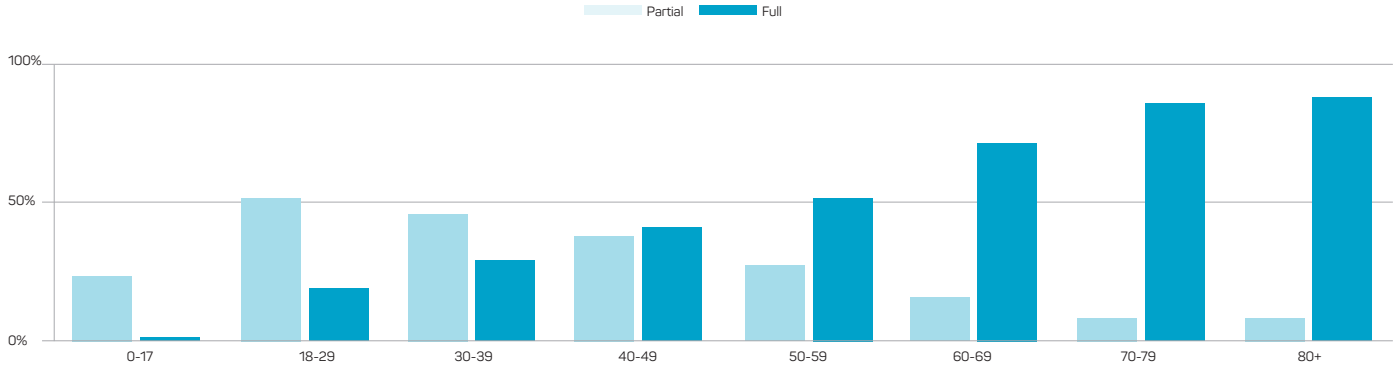
- Hold Board Elections
- Review Re-opening protocols
- Approve the 2021 Budget
- Reinstate Committees

This is a busy time for the Board as they deal with several moving parts to bring members and activities back to SSAC. We will be contacting all activity coordinators for continuity of existing programs. This is a great time to add new programs for those that have always wanted to share their talents and gifts with others. An activity calendar and menu will be shared with members so they can include SSAC as they plan their days.

We are looking for volunteers to assist us through the re-opening process and to reinstate the active volunteer committees. If you were part of a volunteer committee, we will be contacting you. If you have always wanted to be part of something special, please reach out and let us know your preferences. We have a long list of things to be done, and will try to accommodate your time availability. More hands make the tasks smaller.

# Covid-19 Update

## British Columbia Vaccinations by Age Group



## Key Statistics

### Received at least one dose

Total population: **67.93%** (25,817,374)  
12 and older: **77.67%** (25,783,601)

### Partially vaccinated

Total population: **32.02%** (12,168,289)  
12 and older: **36.58%** (12,144,091)

### Fully vaccinated

Total population: **35.91%** (13,649,085)  
12 and older: **41.09%** (13,639,510)

### Partially vaccinated since last week's report

Total population: **0.94%** (358,134)  
12 and older: **1.09%** (359,285)

### Fully vaccinated since last week's report

Total population: **8.75%** (3,325,400)  
12 and older: **10.02%** (3,323,546)



## SOLAR POWER DATA - 2021

	Apr	May	Jun	Jul (as of 24th)
Energy Produced (MWh)	1.3	1.5	1.6	1.3
Currency Equivalent	\$163	\$182	\$200	\$160
Trees Saved	24	26	29	23

More info: [secheltactivitycentre.com/solar-power-data](https://secheltactivitycentre.com/solar-power-data)

## USEFUL PHONE NUMBERS

Emergency	911
Sechelt Hospital	604.885.2224
Sunshine Coast Community Services	604.885.5881
Senior's Advocate ( <a href="http://www.seniorsadvocatebc.ca">www.seniorsadvocatebc.ca</a> )	877.952.3181
Community Information and Help Line	211
Healthlink BC	811
Community Resource Centre	604.885.4088
Sunshine Coast Transit	604.885.6899
HandyDART	604.885.6897

## CENTRE INFORMATION

### Executive 2020-2021

President	Chris Kane
Vice President	Ken White
Treasurer	Vacant
Interim Secretary	Diana Mumford

### Directors at Large 2020-2021

Kit Artus  
Mary Bittroff  
Tony Stroud

All directors may be reached by email at  
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Please indicate to which director you would like the email sent.

Custodian	Jim Coffin
Chef	Emily McPherson

## Tidbits



## Let's Get Growing

**T**o ensure the health and safety of our **Members**, SSAC followed the pandemic guidelines recommended by the Ministry of Health BC. It is great to see the lifting of these restrictions, as cases decline and vaccinations increase, as we review the steps required to start bringing membership back. We've had enough fertilizer over the last 15 months, our ground is ready for planting.

It is exciting to see signs of budding activity, as we are fielding a lot of inquiries as to when we will re-open. As with all the stages of the pandemic, it seems at times that we are re-inventing the wheel. So we move forward, with our fingers crossed, hoping that the seeds we are planting will not only bud, but blossom.

## Membership

As we look to re-opening, it is time to bring past members back. We all suffered the isolation of Covid-19, and it is time to get out and enjoy connecting with others. Share the word with your friends and neighbours to let them know we are opening. Invite them out to share in your favourite activity.

## Call For Volunteers

The SSAC is looking forward to reopening activities where possible this year, we therefore need volunteers to fulfill many roles. If you wish to apply to volunteer, please email [ssac@dccnet.com](mailto:ssac@dccnet.com). The subject line should read: **Volunteer inquiry**.