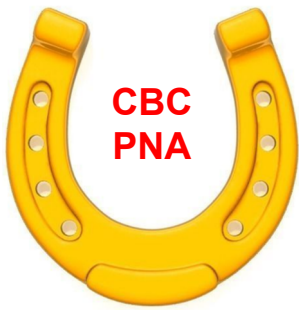


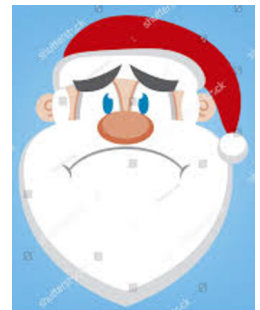
Golden Horseshoe Chapter



UPDATE

SEPTEMBER 2020

COVID-19 claims another victim: the 2020 Christmas luncheon



The Golden Horseshoe Chapter Executive has cancelled the 2020 Christmas Luncheon because of the danger posed by COVID-19.

President Bob Waller wrote officers at the Burlington Legion on Aug. 24 advising them that the virus posed too grave a threat to the health of our members, especially at an indoor gathering.

He said "we hope that discovery and distribution of an effective vaccine next year will help change things for the better but for now we remain in a holding pattern."

Waller went on to say "nevertheless, we remain optimistic and would like to book now for our luncheon on Wednesday, Dec. 1, 2021."

Judy Ramsay of the Branch 60 Ladies Auxiliary replied, saying "I totally understand... We will miss seeing everyone and look forward to seeing all in 2021."

Earlier this year, the executive had to cancel its Spring event at the Royal Botanical Gardens because of the Pandemic.

We're not alone

In mid-August the Executive of the Toronto Chapter of the CBC 20 Year Association announced that "looking forward to this fall and the first half of 2021, it does not appear that we will be ready to safely gather in indoor spaces." It confirmed the cancellation of meetings through the first half of 2021 and said "it's unlikely we will be able to safely resume luncheons until sometime in 2022."

Public Health officers warn of potential 'fall peak'

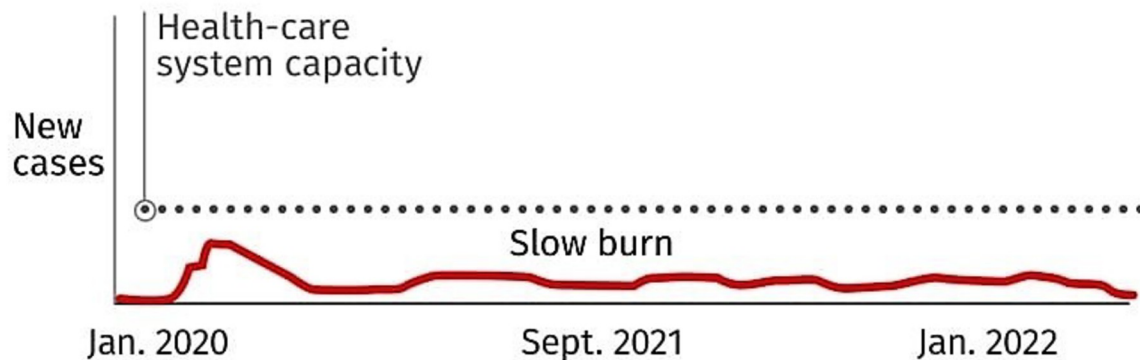
Canada's top doctors say they're striving for a best-case scenario but preparing for the worst: a so-called "fall peak" of COVID-19 cases across the country that threatens to overwhelm the public health-care system.

Chief public health officer Dr. Theresa Tam and her deputy Dr. Howard Njoo presented new modelling on Aug. 14, flagging a potential surge in cases several times worse than what we've seen so far in Canada.

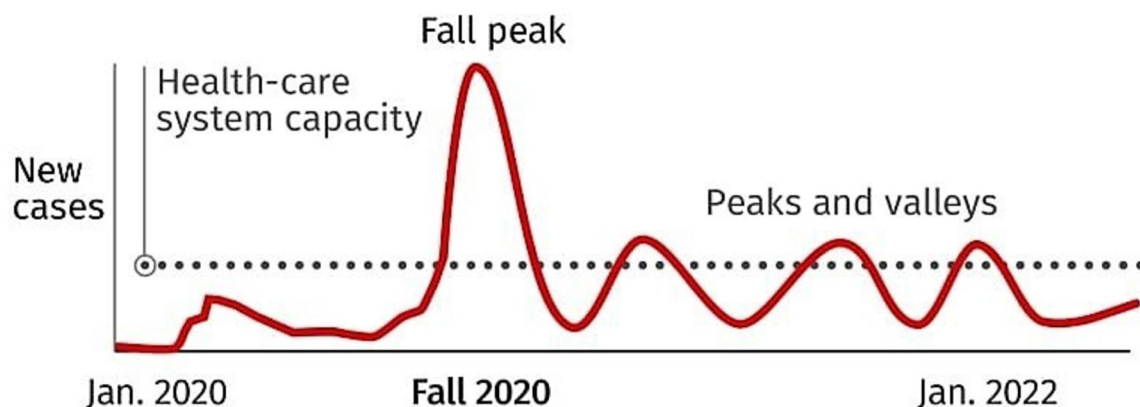
Documents show officials are aiming for a "slow burn" scenario, in which the number of cases remains low, so that the public health-care system can deal with the influx of patients. But officials are also planning for a "reasonable worst-case scenario," where a fall spike in infections is followed by ongoing peaks and valleys, putting excessive demands on the health system.

Canada's COVID-19 Modelling

Best-case scenario



Reasonable worst-case scenario



Health Warning - but *not* COVID-19

SUPPLEMENTARY HEALTH CARE PLAN CHANGES/ IMPORTANT INFORMATION RE DRUG PLAN AND \$100 DEDUCTIBLE

From LIVEWIRE – April 2019

In December 2017, the CBC mailed out a pamphlet to all retirees providing a summary of the changes to the SHCP. On page 3, it stated that the \$100.00 deductible required by the Ontario Drug Benefit plan would be fully covered by our plan. Several of us discovered quite quickly that it is not covered 100%. Discussions took place with GWL and the CBC and the Ontario Region Board was provided clarification. With the new plan the co-pay (\$4.11) was put into the cost of the prescription as well as the \$100.00 deductible for the ODB. Here is the official statement received by the Ontario Region: Essentially, the \$100 provincial deductible is the same as for the per prescription dispensing fee ... the retiree will share in the total drug cost so the \$100 retiree-paid deductible will be reimbursed by GWL at the reimbursement level of 75% (so 25% of it is paid by the retiree, just like the per prescription dispensing fee). So in effect, Great-West Life is picking up 75% of the cost of the drug as well as 75% of the provincial deductible and the prescription fee. (In other words, you will no longer be responsible for the whole payment of the \$100.00 provincial deductible – only 25% of it). And once it's met, that will no longer show up on your invoice.

The notice above first ran in Livewire last year. We're reprinting it as a warning that the terms of this agreement have not been applied to all members. We know because Bob Waller and his wife are among them. She was charged the full \$100 ODB deductible rather than only \$25 - once in the last ODB year which starts in August and again in this benefit year just a week ago. Bob phoned Canada Life/Great-West Life both last year and this and each time talked to call centre employees who had never heard of the provision. Dianne St-Germain of the CBC PNA office in Ottawa managed to set things straight last year and get them a refund. Now she's done it again. A discussion with the insurance company pinpoints the problem as errors in date entry at individual pharmacies compounded by ineffective date-checking when it arrives at the company. The challenge is to fix the problem and correct any mistakes. Dan Oldfield, the PNA representative on the Consultative Committee on Staff Benefits, is watching this. As well, the matter will be discussed at the Ontario Region Board meeting on Sept. 9. The best thing to do is to scrutinize your drug receipts and check the running ODB deductible total. If it rises above \$25, there's been a mistake and you should get in contact with Dianne. Her E-mail is dst.germain@on.aibn.com. The toll-free number is 1-877-361-9242.



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Something to keep in mind when you vote in the next federal election



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**Erin
O'Toole's
plan to
overhaul
the CBC if
he wins
power**

This is not 1950s or even 1980s. We have hundreds of channels to choose from, and thousands of online options – many with lots of Canadian content.

CBC Radio and Radio-Canada provide an important service, but CBC English TV is no longer needed. Taxpayer dollars should not pay for things like a Canadian version of Family Feud. Nor should they fund CBC News Network, a channel no different from its private sector competitors.

CBC digital may be the worst offender. It competes with, and threatens the future of, local newspapers. Why are taxpayers paying for a CBC online comment section? CBC uses that section to drive clicks to get more ad revenue, which they are funnelling away from local newspapers on your dime. And then the Liberals use more of your tax money to bail out the newspapers!

It is time to modernize the CBC, focusing on only those things that the private sector does not provide.

AN O'TOOLE GOVERNMENT WILL:

- Rollback and end funding to CBC Digital by the end of the first mandate;
- Cut funding for CBC English TV and News Network by 50% with the goal of privatizing them within the first mandate;
- Maintain funding for Radio-Canada and minority language services in Canada for our two official languages; and
- Maintain CBC Radio, which is commercial free and maintains the original public interest mandate

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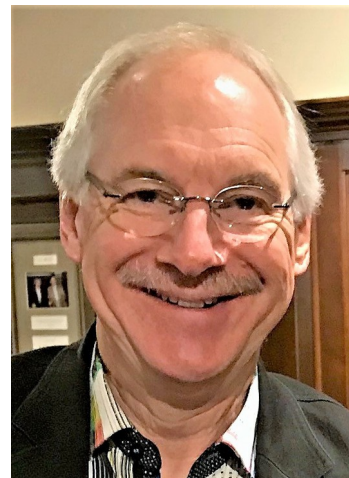
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