



April 14, 2021

The Honourable Adrian Dix  
Minister of Health  
PO Box 9050 Stn Prov Govt  
Victoria, BC V8W 9E2

Dear Minister,

**Re: Request to Prioritize Vaccinations for Delta First Responders**

As the Mayor of City of Delta, I write to ask that you prioritize vaccinations for our city's first responders. As new cases of COVID-19 continue to rise in Delta and our neighbouring communities, I am increasingly concerned for the health and safety of our first responders and their ability to continue to carry out essential duties in our community.

It is my understanding that first responders in other jurisdictions, including Surrey, White Rock, and the Vancouver Coastal Health Authority have been approved to begin receiving vaccines. Given the essential and life-saving work done by first responders in all jurisdictions, it is imperative that the sector be treated consistently throughout the region with an equitable approach to priority vaccine access. This is especially important because first responders frequently work across jurisdictional borders to respond to emergencies and save lives. While some jurisdictions may currently be experiencing higher case levels than others, all first responders are at risk and protecting the entire sector is vital to continuing their life-saving work in all communities.

Delaying vaccinations for our first responders could have significant consequences for the health and safety of Delta personnel and impact our ability to provide the necessary level of critical services to our residents and visitors.

I would appreciate information regarding the timeline for vaccinating first responders and confirmation that Delta staff will be prioritized in recognition of our shared border with Surrey and the associated increased risk to first responders and our community.

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Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "George V. Harvie", with a horizontal line underneath.

George V. Harvie  
Mayor

cc: Dr. Victoria Lee, President and Chief Executive Officer, Fraser Health Authority  
Sean McGill, City Manager  
Guy McKintuck, Fire Chief  
Neil Dubord, Police Chief  
Mike McMillan, President, IAFF Local 1763, Delta Firefighters Association  
Sgt. Mark McKinnell, President, Delta Police Association