

## How to bridge the digital divide during physical distancing

### Webinar Chat Log - April 15 2020

From Meagan Blandizzi 02:06 PM

Hello Everyone! Just FYI, you can use the drop-down in the chat box to address your comments/questions to just the panelist (private) or to all panelists and attendees (visible to everyone). Looking forward to hearing from you.

From Anne 02:08 PM

Will the recording and presentations be made available afterwards (or do we need to be frantically taking notes:-) ?

From Meagan Blandizzi 02:09 PM

Great question - we'll be sending through a recording, and additional resources tomorrow. No need for frantic note-taking :)

From David 02:09 PM

Gary Mason in Globe today focuses on cities and effects of COVID-19. Are you in basic agreement with him? Tnx.

From Andrea Reimer 02:10 PM

Here's the Mason article for those that haven't seen it

<https://www.theglobeandmail.com/opinion/article-the-next-covid-19-crisis-canadas-cash-strapped-cities/>

From David 02:13 PM

Panel might prefer this topic: NZ PM and cabinet are reportedly cutting their salaries by 20 percent for 6 months as a gesture of empathy with hard-pressed citizens,. Should legislators across BC and elsewhere do likewise?

From Chiyi 02:14 PM

This is exactly the level of detail I was hoping for. Thank you to panelists for preparing this legislative deep dive.

From Meagan Blandizzi 02:15 PM

Thanks for the kind words Chiyi! Happy you're finding Andrew's insights enlightening

From Nicole 02:16 PM

But amending the procedure bylaw to hold electronic meetings would only apply to Special (as opposed to regularly scheduled) meetings, correct? M083 allows for Regular(ly scheduled) meetings to be held electronically.

From Jane 02:17 PM

Thank you for hosting this. In addition to the presentation, will you provide a copy of the chat box contents? I find this to be helpful too.

From Shauna 02:17 PM

Is there a distance that BC recommends for people to be away from each other? I think having a physical location to view and participate in electronic meetings is a wonderful idea, but in the U.S. we have to maintain a 6-foot distance from others.

From Andrea Reimer 02:18 PM

Shauna - it is the same here in BC (6 ft or 2 m)

From Meagan Blandizzi 02:18 PM

Hi Jane - we'll be sharing the chat box comments that are open to all panelists and attendees, but not those that are sent privately to just the panelists. Thanks for your question! :)

From Olga 02:18 PM

Consultation in respect to OCP dealt with in Gardner v. Williams Lake is different from public hearing requirements. It is not the same thing. I hope this distinction is clarified. Consultation dealt with in Garder is typically done by correspondence.

From Richard 02:22 PM

I am unsure of what BC regulations are, but in Alberta a bylaw includes a period of 2 weeks after 1st reading to allow for citizens to proceed with a petition for or against if they wish to. This process is very stringent including the need to have participant sign the petition in presence of an adult who must also sign opposite the signature of the petitioner. How can we continue to enable our citizens to do this with physical distancing regulations in affect.

From Lisa 02:26 PM

Chen kwen mantumi this is so helpful

From Olga 02:31 PM

Q to Carl: how do you address possible barriers for engagement for multi-cultural and multi-lingual community members?

From Meagan 02:36 PM

Great question Olga - we'll try to tackle it within the webinar, but in the event we run out of time, I'll be sure to follow up with you afterwards with the answer.

From Lilian 02:39 PM

For numbers signed-up on the DO Not Call list, would you still be able to contact them?

From Carl Mavromichalis 02:41 PM

Olga - we have a couple of options. We generally run these in English, but have also run them in different languages depending on the stakeholder group.

We can run them concurrently or in parallel (multiple sessions linked with live interpretation)

From Jacquie 02:43 PM

Do the deliberation options include online supports to those with disabilities, e.g. sign language interpretation, if needed?

From Lisa 02:47 PM

My engagement tasks involve more intimate conversations. So not sure this hybrid tool will be helpful. Thank you for the webinar.

From Theresa 02:48 PM

the Ethelo-Converso process is brilliant! ingenious blending of technologies and organizational partnership.

From Carl Mavromichalis 02:58 PM

The Do Not Call list is meant for Tele-Marketers. Public consultations are not marketing, so that regulation doesn't apply. I've had municipal clients run that through their legal departments and that is the conclusion they came to.

From Andrea Reimer 03:00 PM

Thank you everyone!

From Carl Mavromichalis 03:00 PM

It was a pleasure to be part of this great webinar! Thank you to John and the Ethelo team!