

THE BURLINGTON PERFORMING ARTS CENTRE COVID-19 SERVICE RE-DESIGN STRATEGY
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY UPDATE FOR THE CITY OF BURLINGTON – June 25, 2020

Within Stage 2 of the Province, BPAC remains closed to the public. We have declared cancellation of all events, and continued closure to the public, to September 1st, although this date may be extended based on Provincial orders.

Over the next 2 months (July & August), BPAC will remain closed to the public, however individuals and organizations looking to rent the venue for reduced cohort private activities (e.g. filming concerts, meetings, camps) will be provided access based on availability, limited technical service requirements and adherence to provincial guidelines.

BPAC will be gradually staged to reopen based on Provincial orders and the duration and parameters for each phase of our re-designed service delivery will be informed by provincial and municipal guidelines and public health recommendations.

As we plan to gradually re-introduce in-person services and re-open our facility to the public, we will be implementing resumption strategies in 4 phases.

Phase 1: Operational Suspension

Phase 2: Limited Cohort, Private Facility use – BPAC remains closed to the public

Phase 3: Resumption of events and activities at reduced capacity

Phase 4: Resumption of events and activities at full capacity

During Phase 1, we have been implementing enhanced sanitation procedures and creating an updated Health & Safety toolkit detailing protocols for operational resumption. We have sent surveys to patrons and volunteers, gauging willingness to return to the venue. While our operations are suspended, BPAC continues to engage with our patrons and support local talent by promoting online concerts and content by local artists in our weekly e-newsletters and via our social media platforms. Staff are primarily working remotely.

Financial Implications

- All non-essential expenditures have been suspended for the remainder of 2020
- BPAC is receiving the Canadian Emergency Wage Subsidy (CEWS), which enabled us to move the 5 FT staff who were put on Declared Emergency Leave on April 1st back onto the payroll, on paid leave.
- We have re-forecasted our 2020 operating budget based on a 'worst-case-scenario' of remaining closed for the remainder of the year. We are projecting a financial loss in revenues of \$1,798,189, however we are also projecting an expenditure savings of the same, resulting in a balanced budget. We will be re-forecasting our 2020 budget on a monthly basis, responding to shifts in operational capacity guidelines as we become aware of them.

Respectfully submitted by Tammy Fox, Executive Director