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Economics, Trade and Economic Development / Économie, commerce et développement économique				
Business license renewal date extended	Camrose (Alberta : City)	2021-01-07	AB	Camrose
Survey results presented to Bruce County planning and development committee	Toronto Star	2021-01-11	ON	Bruce County
RM of Edenwold eyes additional business supports	Toronto Star	2020-12-22	SK	Edenwold
US cities rein in food delivery apps on behalf of embattled restaurants	City Monitor	2020-12-29	USA	Chicago New York
Finance, Taxation and Revenue / Finances, taxation et revenu				
Canmore council approves increase to water and sewer utility rates	Rocky Mountain Outlook	2021-01-05	BC	Canmore
City releases Financial Status and Forecast Report to November 30, 2020: COVID-19 Crisis Cash Flow Management Plan and federal funds will help the City navigate unprecedented financial impacts expected to continue into 2021	Winnipeg (Manitoba : City)	2021-01-11	MB	Winnipeg
Municipalities in line for millions in unclaimed COVID relief, even if they don't need it: Ottawa provided \$41.1M in aid for New Brunswick. Less than half has been spoken for	CBC News	2020-12-30	NB	
February tax sale to be by tender process	Inverness (Nova Scotia : County)	2021-01-08	NS	Inverness
Pandemic should prompt rethink of municipal funding, researchers say	The Kingston Whig-Standard	2021-01-09	ON	Kingston
'Continued uncertainty': City expects to cover \$19.5M funding gap in projected 2021 budget	CTV News	2021-01-06	SK	Regina

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Housing / Habitation				
What pandemic? Residential property values continue upward climb in Lower Mainland, new assessments show: COVID-19 is having little effect on real estate value, according to 2021 assessments	CBC News	2021-01-04	BC	Bowen Island Port Coquitlam Mission North Vancouver Squamish Vancouver
Groups tackling homelessness in N.S. welcome federal cash, but there's a catch: Additional money has to be spent by March 31, the end of the government's fiscal year	CBC News	2021-01-06	NS	Cape Breton Halifax Regional Municipality
State of Emergency in the City of Yellowknife extended	Northwest Territories	2020-12-31	NT	Yellowknife
Prolongation de l'état d'urgence pour la ville de Yellowknife	Territoires du Nord-Ouest	2020-12-31	NT	Yellowknife
Montreal provides shelter options for homeless people, with or without COVID-19: A second hotel has opened its doors for people who test negative for COVID-19	CBC News	2021-01-03	QC	Montréal
Infrastructure / Infrastructures				
'Slow streets' disrupted city planning. What comes next?	Bloomberg CityLab	2021-01-06	USA	
Municipal Governance and Administration / Gouvernance et administration municipales				
Calgary mayor defends 2 staffers who travelled to Hawaii over the holidays: Nenshi says staff followed rules and are not politicians but he regrets allowing it	CBC News	2021-01-05	AB	Calgary
City of Red Deer has policies in place discouraging foreign travel by staff	RDNewsNow	2021-01-07	AB	Red Deer

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Slave Lake mayor, councillors call on MLA Pat Rehn to resign: Rehn accuses municipal officials of trying to sow political division after travel controversy	CBC News	2021-01-05	AB	Slave Lake
St. Albert city councillor facing formal complaint after Mexico trip	CTV News	2021-01-08	AB	St. Albert
Mayor of Castlegar resigns following backlash over trip to family cabin: Bruno Tassone says he felt bullied over a decision to travel to his family cabin in the Okanagan, according to reports	Vancouver Sun	2021-01-10	BC	Castlegar
Metchosin mayor says he supports councillor who attended wedding in Mexico	CHEK	2021-01-07	BC	Metchosin
Two municipal councillors in Victoria travelled internationally in December	Vancouver Sun	2021-01-06	BC	Victoria
West Vancouver municipal councillor discloses holiday travel to California in pandemic	North Shore News	2021-01-06	BC USA	West Vancouver
Municipal office closed during provincewide shutdown	Cochrane (Ontario : Town)	2021-01-08	ON	Cochrane
Office municipal fermé pendant la fermeture de la province	Cochrane (Ontario : Town)	2021-01-08	ON	Cochrane
City of Cornwall to discipline employee following confrontation at local rink: councillor	CTV News	2021-01-10	ON	Cornwall (City)
Town of Orangeville lays off 46 staff due to provincial shut-down	Orangeville (Ontario : Town)	2021-01-05	ON	Orangeville
Councillor calls for fines after busy weekend for bylaw: Ottawa bylaw officers issued nearly 500 verbal warnings on the weekend	CBC News	2021-01-11	ON	Ottawa
COVID-19: New measures implemented and access to administrative offices by appointment	Deux-Montagnes (Québec : Ville)	2021-01-08	QC	Deux-Montagnes
COVID-19 : Nouvelles mesures mises en place et accès aux bureaux administratifs sur rendez-vous	Deux-Montagnes (Québec : Ville)	2021-01-08	QC	Deux-Montagnes
COVID-19 – mise à jour – Répercussions sur les installations et les services de la ville	Gatineau (Québec : Ville)	2021-01-07	QC	Gatineau

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Nouvelles mesures de confinement et couvre-feu : précisions de la Ville de Matane	Matane (Québec : Ville)	2021-01-07	QC	Matane
COVID-19 : État de situation des services municipaux	Québec (Québec : Ville)	2021-01-08	QC	Québec
On casse la deuxième vague : la Ville adapte ses services	Saint-Jean-sur-Richelieu (Québec : Ville)	2021-01-08	QC	Saint-Jean-sur-Richelieu
Municipalities of Sask. calls on Gordon Barnhart to respond to members, public over trip to Hawaii: MoS board 'disappointed' in its president after learning he vacationed abroad	CBC News	2021-01-09	SK	Saltcoats
Municipalities of Sask. president Barnhart's travel to Hawaii during pandemic sparks calls for resignation: Province has repeatedly told public to stay home to control the spread of COVID-19	CBC News	2021-01-07	SK	Saltcoats

Planning and Development / Aménagement et développement

B.C. leads the way as residential building booms in Canada, despite pandemic: Value of residential building permits increased 34% compared to the same time last year	CBC News	2021-01-11	BC	
Real estate boom spreads to St. Mary's: COVID sparks exodus from Canadian cities	Guysborough Journal	2020-12-23	NS	St. Mary's
Urban planning and the coronavirus: 2020 year in review [in the United States]	Planetizen	2020-12-31	USA	

Protective Services and Emergency Management / Services de protection et gestion des situations d'urgence

In Christmas gesture, province slightly loosens holiday visitations amid falling case numbers: Both Kenney and Hinshaw said the move takes note of the mental health toll of the pandemic	Calgary Herald	2020-12-23	AB	
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City of Calgary update on collaborative COVID-19 enforcement measures	Calgary (Alberta : City)	2021-01-07	AB	Calgary
City of Calgary update on COVID-19 enforcement and safety measures	Calgary (Alberta : City)	2020-12-30	AB	Calgary
City of Calgary update on collaborative COVID-19 enforcement measures and violation tickets	Calgary (Alberta : City)	2020-12-23	AB	Calgary
Edmonton hands out nearly 100 mask bylaw fines over the holidays: In 1-month period, municipal peace officers also gave out 9 tickets under Alberta Public Health Act	CBC News	2021-01-07	AB	Edmonton
Year in review: Policing during a pandemic presents challenges, chief says	Edmonton Journal	2020-12-22	AB	Edmonton
Updates to the City of St. Albert's Face Coverings Bylaw	St. Albert (Alberta : City)	2020-12-22	AB	St. Albert
Churches, protester say B.C. health officer's orders violate their rights: A court petition came as the B.C. government announced that it is updating and clarifying COVID-19-related orders.	The Province	2021-01-09	BC	
Province makes changes to simplify, clarify emergency orders	British Columbia. Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General	2021-01-08	BC	
Manitoba Government extends state of emergency to protect health and safety of Manitobans: Province will continue to adapt to needs of Province: Schuler	Manitoba	2021-01-04	MB	
Le gouvernement du Manitoba prolonge l'état d'urgence pour protéger la santé et la sécurité des Manitobains : Le gouvernement continuera de s'adapter aux besoins de la province, indique le ministre de l'Infrastructure	Manitoba	2021-01-04	MB	
Zone 4 moving to Yellow / two new cases / sport tournaments not permitted	New Brunswick. Department of Health	2020-12-22	NB	Edmundston

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Retour de la zone 4 dans la phase jaune / Deux nouveaux cas de COVID-19 / Tournois sportifs interdits	Nouveau-Brunswick. Ministère de la Santé	2020-12-22	NB	Edmundston
Newfoundland and Labrador extends restrictions on Atlantic bubble to early February	Toronto Star	2021-01-06	NL	
COVID-19 wastewater testing expanding in Nova Scotia: Samples are now being collected in locations throughout province	CBC News	2021-01-08	NS	
Curfews? Quarantine hotels? What new measures Ontario could take to stop spike in COVID-19 cases	Toronto Star	2021-01-10	ON	
Province extends northern Ontario lockdown	CBC News	2021-01-07	ON	
GTHA Mayors and Chairs ready to work with the province on the rollout of COVID-19 vaccinations: Essential for people to follow public health guidelines while awaiting vaccination	Hamilton (Ontario : City)	2021-01-04	ON	
Hamilton lays 32 charges under Ontario's COVID-19 lockdown orders over the holidays	Global News	2021-01-04	ON	Hamilton
Niagara's municipal leaders reveal common principles to combat the second wave of COVID-19	Niagara (Ontario : Regional Municipality)	2021-01-08	ON	Niagara
Wastewater testing for new COVID variant could be weeks away	Ottawa Citizen	2021-01-08	ON	Ottawa
COVID-19 levels in Ottawa wastewater rising but still below October peak	CTV News	2021-01-04	ON	Ottawa
Ford defends lockdown in Ottawa as Watson questions its need: All regions of southern Ontario set to enter 28-day lockdown on Boxing Day	CBC News	2020-12-22	ON	Ottawa
Toronto Mayor calls on Province to announce new COVID-19 restrictions today	News Talk 1010	2021-01-11	ON	Toronto
Toronto Public Health releases new COVID-19 workplace outbreak data and announces new measures for COVID-19 related workplace safety	Toronto	2021-01-04	ON	Toronto

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Government of Canada announces funding for new COVID-19 safe voluntary isolation centre in Waterloo Region, Ontario	Waterloo (Ontario : Regional Municipality) Public Health Agency of Canada	2021-01-11	ON	Waterloo (Region)
Le gouvernement du Canada annonce le financement de nouveaux sites sûrs d'isolement volontaire lié à la COVID-19 à Waterloo, en Ontario	Waterloo (Ontario : Regional Municipality) Agence de la santé publique du Canada	2021-01-11	ON	Waterloo (Region)
Wastewater COVID-19 testing shows early look into community viral levels	CTV News	2021-01-04	ON	Windsor (City) Essex County
Restrictions on P.E.I. sports, theatres, churches to be eased again: Province aiming for return to 'new normal' stage this month	CBC News	2021-01-05	PE	
Quebec curfew is meant to crack down on those ignoring COVID-19 rules, Guilbault says	Montreal Gazette	2021-01-07	QC	
Quebec imposes curfew as part of 4-week lockdown	CBC News	2021-01-06	QC	
'Excellent collaboration' but dozens of \$1,550 fines on first night of Quebec's COVID-19 curfew: Most of those fined were protesting against public health measures	Montreal Gazette	2021-01-10	QC	Longueuil Montréal Québec Sherbrooke
Montreal mayor says 100 extra police officers will help enforce curfew	CBC News	2021-01-08	QC	Montréal
Pinehouse, Sask. brings in curfew to help stop spread of COVID-19: Mayor Mike Natomagan says village trying to stay optimistic during outbreak	CBC News	2021-01-07	SK	Pinehouse

Recreation and Culture / Loisirs et culture

City officials seek more clarity on COVID-19 skating restrictions	Calgary Herald	2020-12-22	AB	Calgary
Programs at District community centres reinstated December 29	West Vancouver (British Columbia : District)	2020-12-29	BC	West Vancouver

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Over a dozen outdoor city rinks now open in Winnipeg — with 23 more on the way: Mayor recommends Winnipeggers avoid crowded outdoor areas, encourages people to make use of city spaces	CBC News	2021-01-05	MB	Winnipeg
HRM rec programs to return in 2021 with reduced capacity, COVID-19 measures in place	The Chronicle Herald	2020-12-30	NS	Halifax Regional Municipality
City implements 25-person limit at rinks and sledding hills, reservation system for refrigerated rinks	Ottawa	2021-01-07	ON	Ottawa
La Ville instaure une limite de 25 personnes sur les patinoires et pentes de glissade, et un système de réservation pour les patinoires réfrigérées	Ottawa	2021-01-07	ON	Ottawa
City of Ottawa makes masks mandatory for non-skaters at municipal outdoor rinks	Ottawa Citizen	2020-12-30	ON	Ottawa
Harrison Park Good Cheer Rink to re-open January 8 [with new safety measures]	Owen Sound (Ontario : City)	2021-01-07	ON	Owen Sound
Outdoor boarded skating rinks open December 24	Thunder Bay (Ontario : City)	2020-12-22	ON	Thunder Bay
Get creative for 31 minutes a day each day this January	Waterloo (Ontario : City)	2021-01-05	ON	Waterloo (City)
Les activités et services municipaux s'adaptent aux nouvelles mesures gouvernementales annoncées	Sainte-Agathe-des-Monts (Québec : Ville)	2021-01-08	QC	Sainte-Agathe-des-Monts
Rétablissement des réservations pour la patinoire	Shannon (Québec : Ville)	2021-01-07	QC	Shannon
Free indoor skating added at community clubs	Prince Albert (Saskatchewan : City)	2020-12-23	SK	Prince Albert
City of Regina outdoor rinks open with specific COVID-19 rules	CTV News	2020-12-22	SK	Regina

Rural and Agricultural / Milieu rural et agricole

Coming out of Covid part 3: Rural issues, rural response	Guelph Today	2020-12-30	ON	Wellington
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Service Delivery / Prestation de services

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Halton Region offers emergency childcare to health care and frontline workers during province-wide shutdown	Halton (Ontario : Regional Municipality)	2020-12-29	ON	Halton
Emergency Licensed Child Care for school-aged children	Huron (Ontario : County)	2020-12-30	ON	Huron
Emergency child care planned for essential health care and frontline workers	Northumberland (Ontario : County)	2020-12-23	ON	Northumberland County
Town of St. Marys approved to provide emergency child care	St. Marys (Ontario : Town)	2021-01-08	ON	St. Marys
Thirty-five child care programs in Toronto approved to provide emergency child care for essential workers	Toronto	2020-12-31	ON	Toronto
Emergency child care available for school-aged children of designated essential service workers during remote learning week	Toronto	2020-12-30	ON	Toronto
Toronto library staff are calling more than 20,000 seniors for a quick check-in chat during the pandemic	Toronto Star	2020-12-30	ON	Toronto
City of Toronto announces another round of TO Supports funding for community services to help vulnerable populations	Toronto	2020-12-23	ON	Toronto
Targeted emergency child care for school-aged children	Windsor (Ontario : City)	2021-01-08	ON	Windsor (City)
City redeployments support local second wave response	Windsor (Ontario : City)	2020-12-30	ON	Windsor (City)

Social Issues / Questions sociales

COVID signpost, 300 days: A snapshot of COVID in Canada's cities at day 300	Canadian Urban Institute = Institut urbain du Canada	2021-01-08	Canada	
City of Waterloo launches The Community Happiness Project	Waterloo (Ontario : City)	2021-01-11	ON	Waterloo (City)

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Covid-19 et alimentation: le confinement a eu un impact moins négatif qu'anticipé pour un grand nombre de Québécois	Université Laval	2021-01-05	QC	
Tourism / Tourisme				
Financial support now available for local tourism operators impacted by COVID-19	Barrie (Ontario : City)	2021-01-07	ON	Barrie Grey County Orillia Simcoe County
Transportation / Transports				
Canada's big-city transit systems say service will be (mostly) back to normal in 2021 — even if ridership isn't	Toronto Star	2021-01-03	BC ON USA	Toronto Vancouver
Maritime Bus cuts northern routes, reduces others as pandemic takes a toll: Campbellton-Moncton and Fredericton-Edmundston routes cancelled	CBC News	2021-01-05	NB	Campbellton Edmundston Fredericton Moncton
Saint John Transit seating capacity reduced by COVID-19 orange phase	Saint John (New Brunswick : City)	2021-01-06	NB	Saint John
Town launches off-street parking program to assist residents during the pandemic	Newmarket (Ontario : Town)	2020-12-23	ON	Newmarket
TTC tells employees not to carpool. Union accuses agency of hypocrisy over COVID-19 guidance	Toronto Star	2021-01-07	ON	Toronto
Modèle d'Attestation pour les déplacements durant le couvre-feu décrété par le gouvernement du Québec	Québec. Ministère des Affaires municipales et de l'Habitation	2021-01-08	QC	
Relance du centre-ville de Montréal La gratuité des stationnements tarifés sur rue prolongée jusqu'au 31 janvier	Montréal (Québec : Ville)	2020-12-23	QC	Montréal

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Urban / Questions urbaines				
Post-pandemic cities can permanently reclaim public spaces as gathering places	The Conversation	2021-01-03	International	
Success of Kitchener's LoveMyHood Matching Grant shows the value of community connectedness	Kitchener (Ontario : City)	2020-12-30	ON	Kitchener
Planning and the pandemic: Trends from 2020 [in the U.S.]	Planetizen	2021-01-05	USA	