



CP SCOOP – December 15th, 2020

## **FEDERAL UPDATES**

**[Canada to Receive Early Access to Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine](#)** - The Government of Canada is delivering on its commitment to ensure that Canadians have access to safe and effective COVID-19 vaccines, as soon as possible. Today, the Honourable Anita Anand, Minister of Public Services and Procurement, announced that following successful negotiations and contingent on Health Canada authorization of the vaccine, Canada will be able to access 168,000 doses of the Moderna COVID-19 vaccine in December 2020.

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**[Introducing a Simplified Process for Claiming the Home Office Expenses Deduction for Canadians Working from Home Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic](#)** - This year has been filled with unprecedented challenges due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Many Canadians unexpectedly had to work from home which resulted in millions of Canadians setting up their work space in their kitchens, bedrooms and living rooms. In response, the Honourable Diane LeBouthillier, Minister of National Revenue, provided additional details on how the Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) has made the home office expenses deduction available to more Canadians, and simplified the way employees can claim these expenses on their personal income tax return for the 2020 tax year.

## **PROVINCIAL UPDATES**

**[Ontario Helps Municipalities and Indigenous Partners Respond to COVID-19](#)** - **Province delivers more social services relief funding to protect the vulnerable** - The Ontario government is allocating an additional \$120 million to help municipalities and Indigenous community partners protect the health and safety of vulnerable people during COVID-19. This investment builds upon the second phase of social services relief funding announced this fall and brings the government's total allocation to \$510 million.