



**Stronger Together**

2017 February 8

# VESTA Weekly

Topics Worth Talking about! Please read and discuss with your colleagues.

## Dates to Remember

Meetings at VESTA office 4pm unless otherwise indicated

**February 9**  
Social Justice Committee

**February 15**  
Seismic Upgrade Ad Hoc Committee

**February 15**  
TTOC Committee

**February 16**  
Aboriginal Ed Committee

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## Extended Health Benefits

There will be a VTF General Meeting on Monday, February 27 at Tupper Secondary to discuss our extended health benefits plan.

Each year the VTF come together to discuss changes in the provincial plan. All members are strongly encouraged to attend this important information meeting. A vote in schools will follow in March. Below is a comparison of our current Vancouver Extended Health Benefits Plan with the 2017—2018 Provincial Plan.

### Current Vancouver and Provincial EHB Plan Comparison

Benefit Provision	Current Vancouver Extended Health Benefits	Current Provincial Plan as of July 1, 2017 - June 30, 2018
<b>Extended Health</b>		
Reimbursement	80% until \$1000, then 100%	80% until \$1000, then 100%
Annual Deductible	\$25	\$50
Lifetime Maximum	Unlimited	Unlimited
<b>Prescription Drugs</b>		
Drug Formulary	No change	Blue Rx
Pay-direct Drug Card	No	Yes
Per Prescription Deductible	\$0	\$0
Sexual Dysfunction	No	Covered
Oral Contraceptives	Covered	Covered
Fertility Drugs	\$3,000 lifetime maximum	\$20,000 lifetime maximum
<b>Medical Services and Supplies</b>		
Med-Assist	Included	Included
Out-of-province emergency medical	Covered	Covered
Ambulance	Covered	Covered
Hospital	Private/Semi-Private	Private/Semi-Private
In-home nursing care	Covered with Doctor's note	\$20,000 per year
Hearing aids	\$500 per ear over 60 months	\$2,700 (4 years)
Miscellaneous Services and Supplies <i>*see note below</i>	Covered	Covered
Orthopedic shoes	1 pair per lifetime on prescription	\$400 per year (PBC form required)
Orthotics	1 pair per lifetime on prescription	\$500 per year (PBC form required)
<b>Vision Care</b>		
Maximum	\$200 per 24 months	\$500 per 24 months
Eye exams per 24 months	Not covered	1 per 24 months
<b>Paramedical Services</b>		
Naturopath	\$500 per year	\$800 per year
Chiropractor	Unlimited	\$800 per year
Massage Therapist	Unlimited	\$900 per year
Physiotherapist	Unlimited	\$850 per year
Psychologist	\$100 per year	\$800 per year
Speech Therapist	\$300 per year	\$700 per year
Acupuncturist	\$300 per year	\$800 per year
Podiatrist/Chiropodist	\$200 per year podiatrist (no Chiropodist)	\$700 per year

*\*Note: Subject to reasonable and customary limits as defined by Blue Cross*

