

## Kim, Sabrina

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**From:** Kim, Sabrina  
**Sent:** Saturday, April 4, 2020 1:34 PM  
**To:** Harris, Emily (SPAC/PSPC)  
**Cc:** Wellstead, Alex; Vaillancourt, Ann-Clara; Gagnon, Chantal; Lawrence, Alex; Laycock, Tristan (SPAC/PSPC); Chin, Ben; Stickney, Matt; Ahmad, Cameron; Zimmerman, Shannon  
**Subject:** Re: For ASAP approval re: cargo shipment

Adding Shannon and flagging this too:

NEW: Premier Doug Ford says he hopes Prime Minister Justin Trudeau awards Ontario its "fair share" of the millions of new masks coming here. Trudeau mentioned Quebec this morning but not Ontario.

#COVID19 #onpoli

<https://twitter.com/robertbenzie/status/1246490754798825472?s=21>

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On Apr 4, 2020, at 1:32 PM, Harris, Emily (SPAC/PSPC) <[emily.harris@canada.ca](mailto:emily.harris@canada.ca)> wrote:

I have triple checked and it is only 8m surgical masks + whatever QC has.

The PM did mention the warehouse and I don't plan to get into more detail proactively. We have a previously PMO approved media response on the contract with Bolloré so would just provide that same info if pressed.

Good to go? I'm getting follow-ups.

Statement:

As the Prime Minister said, we are expecting millions of surgical masks, as well as certain supplies ordered directly from companies by Quebec, to arrive in Canada on a chartered plane from China in the next 48 hours or so. Once it arrives in Canada, the Public Health Agency of Canada will distribute them to the provinces and territories.

The federal government stepped in to help Quebec gets its order back to Canada, and Minister Anand has extended this offer to all PTs. We have taken an aggressive and proactive approach to procurement, and working closely with

Ambassador Barton as the situation continues to evolve. This is a Team Canada approach and we are doing everything we can to ensure Canadians have the supplies required to fight COVID-19.

On background: the supplies are in our warehouse waiting to be shipped. The numbers will be verified upon arrival in Canada, but we are expecting between 7 and 8 million surgical masks.

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 4, 2020, at 1:21 PM, Kim, Sabrina <[Sabrina.Kim@pmo-cpm.gc.ca](mailto:Sabrina.Kim@pmo-cpm.gc.ca)> wrote:

Leslie confirmed this morning that it is 8M surgical masks.

Possible to add in your boss' line that says we are taking an aggressive approach to procurement – working around the clock with suppliers, with Ambassador Barton on the ground in China etc.?

Also I think the fact that we have a warehouse in China is very new information. I don't think it is a bad thing to put out there in the universe but should be prepared to answer Qs on when we acquired it, why we acquired it, how secure it is etc.

-----Original Message-----

From: Harris, Emily (SPAC/PSPC) <[emily.harris@canada.ca](mailto:emily.harris@canada.ca)>

Sent: Saturday, April 4, 2020 1:17 PM

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Triple checking, will confirm.

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On Apr 4, 2020, at 1:13 PM, Wellstead, Alex <[Alex.Wellstead@pmo-cpm.gc.ca](mailto:Alex.Wellstead@pmo-cpm.gc.ca)> wrote:

And it is only surgical masks no other supplies?

Alex Wellstead

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On Apr 4, 2020, at 1:10 PM, Harris, Emily (SPAC/PSPC)  
<[emily.harris@canada.ca](mailto:emily.harris@canada.ca)> wrote:

Spoke to health. Removing “based on need”.

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On Apr 4, 2020, at 1:06 PM, Harris, Emily (SPAC/PSPC)  
<[emily.harris@canada.ca](mailto:emily.harris@canada.ca)<<mailto:emily.harris@canada.ca>>>  
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