



The View from Lori's desk...

A look back and a look ahead
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My first view, so let me introduce myself... I'm Lori and I like warm... well, actually... I'm the Head of Research and Development at ComVida. I'm lucky enough to have a job that I love and it certainly keeps me busy! Which leads me to...

This week at ComVida I'm feeling the calm after the storm. I'm sure it'll be brief, but it's nice to take a moment and look around. Last week? Well, last week was the storm – everyone on the team was working furiously to get CVC51 5.1.10 out the door in time for folks to use the new PIER Check tool in Payroll, if that sounds like you, we'd love to hear what you think!

Life moves pretty fast. If you don't stop and look around once in a while, you could miss it.

- Ferris (Ferris Bueller's Day Off)

In fact, 5.1.10 was a whirlwind of enhancements - direct exports to Excel, a new Self Serve Assignment page with optional employee verification, with any luck that will eliminate more of the paper shuffling around the office. Not to mention the new Call-out response columns on the Shifts To Be Filled page – my personal fav.

One of the late-breaking features was a change in the way messages are sent from the Shifts To Be Filled page - we found that the process used for the Block-booking messages was a better approach, giving users the opportunity to update the Notification as the message is created. Just remember to check that 'Create Message' box – we're planning more enhancements to messaging in 5.1.11, more customization and extra links to Communications to help keep employees and schedules up-to-date.

It's a fine balance, keeping our offerings current while ensuring that end users have the tools they need to do their jobs effectively, and speaking of 5.1.11, this week I'm reviewing the requests that we've received in the last few months, deciding what to include, and what will make it into a future update. Stay tuned - I will share more once we've hammered out the details.

That time of the year: If you use our Payroll application, you should also have received word on the tax update for 2020 – no major changes this year, just rates going up and others (but not many) going down. There were changes to the T4 slips though, CRA has changed the line numbers on the T1. CVC51 sites will have the new slip format in 5.1.10, and if you're using EMS42, we'll be in touch in early January to install 4.2.25 with the new format.

A note from the Helpdesk: **Remember to sign up for our webinars and courses! They're a great way to get up to speed on the new features in CVC51.**

This view includes a glimpse through a frosty window in sunny Glen Williams, Ontario. We'd love to share your photos – please send them along, we'll feature a different area of this amazing country in each view.