



The View from Lori's desk...

A look back and a look ahead
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Autumn?!?! Pardon me, but... where did summer go? Oh right, it was spent avoiding get-togethers, restaurants, and family visits... My family enjoyed a lot (and I mean A LOT) of backyard time, along with a few camping trips (to help maintain sanity) as restrictions started to ease, and now here we are – back to school and talking about a second wave. So I'd like to focus on the positives, thank you very much... cozy sweaters, soup

weather, and a pumpkin spice latte, please!

Meanwhile... we've been hard at it, CVC51 is really coming along and the most recent release, 5.1.12, includes several exciting features like on-the-fly shift coverage changes, Assignment Rules and Overtime checks in Block Booking (now you can review Overtime in real-time!), plus a new Notification Calendar and a ton of other updates. Check out the What's New document that was attached to your release announcement for more details.

In addition to those pumpkin spice lattes, I'm also excited about the upcoming release of our financial management system, FMS – I've mentioned this update before, and I'm very happy to share that it's now in early release use and a general release is planned for later this year. It's got some pretty steamy features too, including a new Budget Variance page that can even be shared with managers and department heads (while limiting their account access), on-the-fly Supplier updates, and a handy Export format that works with new user-defined account fields to simplify provincial and regional reporting.



The details are details. They make the product. The connections, the connections, the connections. It will in the end be these details that give the product its life.
- Charles Eames

ComVida Connects is well on its way! What's ComVida Connects? Well, I'm glad you asked! It's new video series we're producing and each segment covers a feature of the software that just might simplify your day. They're a quick and easy way to get familiar with an area of the system that you might not have had time to explore. Here are two of my favourites: [Automated Shift Callouts](#) & [Automatic Employee Reminders](#) – we look forward to

your feedback!

While we're on the subject of connections, Helpdesk just sent out a new list of fall courses too – another excellent way to get familiar with all of the features of our software, so grab yourself a hot beverage and enjoy!

Speaking of features – is your organization taking advantage of the Self Serve application? If not, then now is definitely the time! It's a great way to increase communication, save paper and substantially reduce (or even eliminate) person-to-person contact:

- Customized pages keep employees up-to-date on their time banks, contact data, and even benefit details, not to mention real-time access to their pay slips and even T4 slips.
- Access to published assignments (in a full or simplified format), gives staff the ability to review their upcoming schedule, verify worked hours and even make changes with the appropriate security rights, while the Department Monthly page allows them to review the full schedule anytime, anywhere based on their individual Assignment Rules.
- The built-in Time Clock gives employees a quick way to record their entry and exit without touching a shared device!

Please don't hesitate to reach out for more information on any of our products, the door is always open, so to speak...

This view includes a few fun images: George Costanza (Jason Alexander – Seinfeld) gearing up for fall, and a cheeky reminder to avoid negativity whenever you can!