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**Thanks for keeping your social distance!**



## **TAKE 5 WEDNESDAY**

Hi vanesa

Here is your weekly dose of "TAKE 5 Wednesday", a list of what I'm enjoying, pondering and working on.



### **18 ideas for your summer staycation in Toronto**

Those who like to travel during the summer are probably feeling a little stuck. While things are opening up, advisories against non-essential travel and restrictions put in place by many provinces mean we can't go too far. That's why a "staycation" is a popular option for summer holidays this year. [Check out these ideas](#) for your summer staycation in Toronto, and enjoy exploring the city and trying some fun activities.



## Preparing a will during COVID-19

With social distancing measures in place, now might seem like a difficult time to set up a will and power of attorney. According to [this article](#), certain provinces, like Ontario and Saskatchewan, have recently changed legislation to allow legal professionals to witness the signing of wills and powers of attorney remotely via video conference. If you are considering creating a will, it's best to consult with a lawyer who specializes in wills, estate planning and tax planning. A professional financial planner can also provide important guidance to help you ensure that your will fits well with your broader financial plan.



## Ways to spruce up a backyard on a cost-effective basis

For homeowners and renters lucky enough to have backyards, their outdoor spaces have become more important than ever in recent months. It can be overwhelming when you are looking to upgrade your outdoor space—especially if you're working with a blank slate or a tight budget. A backyard makeover doesn't have to be costly to be luxurious. Sometimes, the right lighting, patio furniture and DIY magic are all you need to create your dream yard. [Check out these tips](#) to help you transform your green space into a beautiful oasis, on a budget.



## Moving to a seniors' residence could be taxing

Many seniors consider selling their principal residence when they move to a retirement or long-term care home, while others prefer to keep their homes and rent them out. [This article](#) explains what can happen from a tax point of view in each scenario. Make sure you consult with experts to explore your options before making any transitions.

## **Quote I'm pondering**

We don't have to try and be kind. Kindness is innate. It will always be there. We just have to stop being "unkind"—Headspace

Thanks for TAKING 5!

Scott

### **Whenever you're ready... here are 3 ways I can help:**

#### **Option 1.**

Let's have a chat: Just [CLICK HERE](#) to see my calendar through our online scheduler. Then, select a time that works for you. The scheduler will book our time and send you the call-in details.

#### **Option 2.**

Let's "meet": If you would like to book a free, no-obligation information session, please email me at [scottplaskett@ironshield.ca](mailto:scottplaskett@ironshield.ca) and we can coordinate a time that fits into your schedule.

#### **Option 3.**

Attend my next free webinar: Every Friday I get together online with a handful of other local business owners and share with them the most current research and insights into proper financial planning - specifically for business owners. If you'd like to participate or just listen in on the next session, please email me at [scottplaskett@ironshield.ca](mailto:scottplaskett@ironshield.ca) and I'll forward you the details.

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