



# City of Revelstoke

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## Mayors Address to the Community

Good Morning Everyone,

I am excited that we are making progress on the COVID-19 recovery process! Please continue following the physical distancing recommendations as set out by the Public Health Officer.

Additional signage installation is happening downtown, in fields, green spaces and at public washroom locations this week. Remember to be responsible and practice good hygiene when you're out and about to ensure that you remain safe and healthy, as well as limit the potential exposure to other community members.

A phased approach to the opening of municipal parks and green spaces began this week with the City's fields, green spaces and public washrooms opening on Monday. So far, our Bylaw Enforcement team is pleased to report that they have seen users following these regulations required to keep the areas open and safe:

- 2m physical distancing;
- No shared equipment;
- Hand hygiene;
- Don't touch your face; and
- Stay home if you are sick or symptomatic.

Thank you again for your diligence in protecting yourself and those around you.

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For those waiting to use the public tennis courts, they are scheduled to open on Friday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>. The Pickleball Court has no definitive opening date but is hoped to open sometime next week.

Future phases will include the Skatepark and Splash Pad, both of which are pending further information and/or regulations from the Province as well as the creation of a robust community education plan. In following the many adjacent municipalities, playground equipment will remain closed at this time to reduce the potential for COVID-19 transmission. I am sorry Jack Aquiline, in answer to your question 'I do not know when the playgrounds will open back up again'.

At this time, the City is working closely with partners from the Provincial Government, BC Recreation and Parks Association, and viaSport BC as technical requirements and operational direction are outlined for additional recreation programs.

Staff have established a transition plan to re-open City Hall on June 1<sup>st</sup> with limited access to Development Services and the Finance Department with a new pre-arranged appointment protocol which will be rolled out in the coming weeks. The plan includes measures to protect staff and the public, and details will be provided once solidified.

As Provincial regulations continue to loosen around COVID-19, the Development Services Department will be returning to physical Building Inspections and adhering to the guidelines for the construction sector as outlined by the Province. Virtual Building Inspections will only be utilized when conditions are deemed warranted by the Building Inspector.

The Finance Department is working on revised procedures for property tax payments and Home Owner Grant submissions and will communicate options to property owners in the near future.

The BC Restart Plan has not changed Provincial recommendations with respect to doing your part to help flatten the curve - stay home when you have cold or flu symptoms; don't shake hands or hug outside of your family, continue to practice good hygiene through regular hand washing, not touching your face, cover coughs and sneezes, and

frequently disinfect surfaces. Continue to keep physical distancing, as much as possible when in the community and where not possible, consider using a non-medical mask or face covering.

As briefly discussed last week, the City and Columbia Shuswap Regional District recognize the need to identify immediate and long-term needs, assess various initiatives, and craft a response to the economic disruptions caused by Covid-19 that will best serve the needs of the local community, comprised of the City of Revelstoke and CSRD Area B. So an Economic Recovery Task Force has been formed and the purpose of the Task Force is to help formalize efforts to create a resiliency and recovery plan and identify key actions needed to ensure Revelstoke is in a strong position for a safe recovery coming out of the pandemic. It will be a collaborative initiative representing the Revelstoke area consisting of local and regional government, business leaders, and stakeholders. The Economic Development Commission have proposed representation from the following:

- City of Revelstoke
- Director of Community Economic Development
- Chamber of Commerce
- Tech Sector
- Tourism Sector
- Hospitality Sector
- WorkBC
- Health Sector
- Education/Childcare Sector

Additional community/industry stakeholders and experts will be called upon to form working groups to support key initiatives of the task force as needed. I am proud of this team's efforts to help our businesses get back on their feet!

We invited the public to submit questions for my address to the City's communication team at [communications@revelstoke.ca](mailto:communications@revelstoke.ca) again this week and I have addressed comments and inquiries throughout this announcement. Again, please keep the questions coming. At the start

of this crisis we were fast to close and now we are slow to open for the health and safety of our entire community.

As we move forward and achieve stability in health and financial needs 'one day you will tell the story of how you overcame what you went through and it will become someone else's survival guide'.

Thank you for continuing to be strong, for following the health protocols and remember to be kind to one another.