

**For Immediate Release
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COVID-19 Update #3 March 16, 2020

The District of Ucluelet has made the decision to close the Ucluelet Community Centre, Ucluelet Athletic Club Hall and the Seaplane Base Hall to the public starting Tuesday March 17, 2020. Vancouver Island Regional Library has also indicated that they will be closed. All facility rentals are cancelled until further notice.

Recreation Staff will be available by phone during normal business hours at 250-726-7772. The Daycare and Hub will remain open until further notice.

The Regular Meeting of Council scheduled for Tuesday March 17 at 3:30pm will proceed and the UCC George Fraser Room will be open to the public for the duration of this meeting. It will be livestreamed as usual on the District's YouTube channel.

The Ucluelet Municipal Office at 200 Main Street will also continue to be closed to the public. Staff will be available for all District inquiries via phone at 250-726-7744 or email at info@ucluelet.ca. Payments can still be made to the District through online banking or by Canada Post.

The District of Ucluelet continues to actively monitor information provided by Federal and Provincial agencies with regards to the spread and severity of coronavirus (COVID-19). Our immediate priority is the safety of our residents and staff.

This will have an impact on our family-friendly community, but the District staff will continue to be available during normal business hours. We ask that residents continue to be diligent with handwashing and distancing from others. The District has increased surface cleaning activities and the availability of sanitizer at the Community Centre. Our Chief Administrative Officer, Fire Chief, and Council will monitor the COVID-19 situation as it evolves and will be providing further updates.

The public health risk is continually reassessed as new information becomes available. Residents are encouraged to stay up-to-date regularly by visiting these Federal and Provincial links:

<https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/diseases/2019-novel-coronavirus-infection.html>

<http://www.bccdc.ca/about/news-stories/stories/2020/information-on-novel-coronavirus>

For more information visit www.ucluelet.ca or contact the District of Ucluelet at 250-726-7744.