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COVID-19 Update #5

The District would again like to thank our residents and businesses for their continued positive response to the COVID-19 crisis. District staff are continuing to be diligent in monitoring the situation and exploring additional ways to ensure compliance within our municipal powers. We will provide services to our community as best we can while ensuring our staff work in a safe work environment. We ask that you continue to take a positive, supportive approach with everyone in our community as this will set the tone for our present and future challenges from this pandemic.

Our staff and Council have answered many questions from our residents over the last two weeks. Here are some answers to our most asked questions including some additional updates.

- The District is regularly communicating with the Province a range of issues including financial support options being considered for businesses and residents. The District is currently exploring these options as well.
- Please keep the Public Health Officer's <u>Provincial Health Orders in mind</u>. Violation of these orders can result in significant penalties. Ucluelet's Bylaw Enforcement officer will be issuing warnings and communicating any violations to public health officials.
- The scheduled March 31st Meeting of Council has been canceled. The next scheduled meeting is April 14th and new formats for Council meetings are currently being explored.
- If you, a family member, or friend, feel that you may be experiencing COVID symptoms, please follow the instructions of the Provincial COVID-19 Self-Assessment Tool.
- Please continue to support our local Co-Op by following their rules and expectations so that we can continue to have this vital service in our community. Visit the Co-Op's website for more information.
- If there is a tsunami warning for Ucluelet, shelter in place if you are on high ground. If you are not on high ground, head to high ground and remain in your vehicle. The <u>Ucluelet Community Emergency Notification System</u> is operational and will be used if a warning is issued.
- Garbage and recycling services will continue to operate as normal. We ask that residents continue to cleanup after their pets and avoid using public garbage cans for household waste.

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. 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

https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/safety/emergency-preparedness-response-recovery/covid-19-provincial-support

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.