

**For Immediate Release  
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## **COVID-19 Update # 6**

Prior to the COVID-19 crisis, the District of Ucluelet had prepared a draft budget for public consideration, most recently endorsed by Council at the March 12, 2020 Special Meeting of Council. The impacts of COVID-19 have significantly impacted this draft budget and staff are now working to present revisions to Council at the Regular Council Meeting on April 28, 2020 at 3:30pm. Members of the public are encouraged to watch this meeting on the [District's YouTube Channel](#) to ensure social distancing practices are continued. The revised budget will be posted on the [District's webpage](#) as a part of the Council agenda package on Friday, April 24<sup>th</sup> and the District will be seeking resident feedback thereafter. Please note that property tax collection and due dates are mandated by the Province. District staff, along with many other communities, have been actively communicating with the Province requesting measures be taken to support taxpayers.

Please note as well that on April 1, 2020, the District of Ucluelet implemented the [Bylaw Enforcement Priorities During Covid-19](#) operational policy. This document prioritizes education and monitoring intended to promote compliance with COVID-19 related Provincial Orders and social distancing recommendations. It specifically addresses short-term accommodations and construction sites and provides best practices. As a reminder, note that the Province has defined [COVID Essential Services](#).

For more information about [Ucluelet 2020 Budget Planning Process](#) or the [Bylaw Enforcement Priorities During Covid-19](#) operational policy, please visit [www.ucluelet.ca](http://www.ucluelet.ca) or contact the District of Ucluelet at 250-726-7744.

Dr. Carrie Marshall and Brooke Woods recently published a living document called [Accessing Care on the West Coast During the COVID Pandemic](#). This helpful document lists medical, food security and mental health resources available to west coast residents.

The District of Ucluelet continues to actively monitor information provided by Federal and Provincial agencies with regards to the spread and severity of 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 by [signing up for the District's UkeeMail](#) at [Ucluelet.ca](http://Ucluelet.ca) and by regularly 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>