

For Immediate Release
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COVID-19 Update # 15

Outdoor Seating Areas for Local Restaurants, Cafes and Pubs

The District of Ucluelet is supporting our local businesses (restaurants and accommodations) as they gradually implement reopening plans over the coming weeks. On May 26, 2020 Council adopted a temporary streamlined development permit approval process for restaurants looking to expand their outdoor seating in response to physical distancing requirements. **Restaurants interested in pursuing this option should contact the Planning department by June 1, 2020.**

At this meeting Staff also introduced a plan to provide additional outdoor seating in public spaces like the Village Square. Next week, our Federal and Provincial parks will initiate reopening and BC Ferries resumes service from Horseshoe Bay to Nanaimo. Our staff are here to support our businesses with implementing additional outdoor seating as demand increases.

Property Taxes and Electronic Home Owner Grants

Property tax notices have been mailed out. In our efforts to promote physical distancing, the preferred methods of payment are through **online banking, by mailing a cheque, or by putting a cheque in our drop box at the District's office**, located at 200 Main Street during regular business hours.

The District is also pleased to announce Home Owner Grants may now be claimed **online** by following the instructions located at www.ucluelet.ca/community/finance.

If you do not receive your tax notice within the next 10 days please contact our office at finance@ucluelet.ca.

Parks Canada

On May 27, 2020 Parks Canada announced that the Pacific Rim National Park Reserve will begin to gradually re-open. The following segments of the Pacific Rim National Park are anticipated to be reopened on June 4, 2020:

- Long Beach North
- Long Beach South
- Wickaninnish Beach
- Rainforest Trail A and B
- Shorepine Bog Trail

Visit the [Pacific Rim National Park website](#) for more information about the park and its reopening. Please enjoy this fantastic park in a safe and responsible manner.

We encourage you to stay up to date by [signing up for the District's UkeeMail](#) and by regularly visiting these Federal and Provincial links:

[Government of Canada - Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) Outbreak Update](#)

[Government of British Columbia COVID-19 Provincial Support and Information](#)

[BC Centre for Disease Control's COVID-19 Data](#)

Thank you Ucluetians. Stay strong, be safe and be kind.

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