

## **PRESS RELEASE**

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# COVID-19 Update # 23

#### Parking at the Ucluelet Skateboard Park

To promote physical distancing and relieve traffic congestion, parking is no longer permitted on Matterson Drive near the basketball court and skateboard park. Parking is available in the Ucluelet Community Centre and Big Beach parking lots. No overnight parking is permitted. Please remember to protect each other and the community by practicing physical distancing.

#### **Business Support: The Consulting Hive**

Tap into this vast network of BC based business consultants, and specialists ready to help with your every inquiry free of charge until March 31, 2021.

Due to a successful Rural Opportunities Fund grant, the local Chambers (Ucluelet, Tofino & Port Alberni) NEDC, CFAC, Venture Connect and Scale Collaborative joined forces to support businesses through COVID. To provide equal promotion of the partners and market to business, these organizations created the Consulting Hive. Check out the players and services at www.theconsultinghive.ca.



#### **Wearing Masks**

Based on increased visitor activity and new recommendations from

the Province and the Ucluelet COVID-19 Task Force, the District of Ucluelet is encouraging the use of facemasks, particularly in crowded locations or anywhere that physical distancing is difficult or not possible. Visitors and residents are encouraged to read Work Safe BC's "<u>Selecting and using masks in non-health care settings</u>" and the BCCDC's information page "<u>Wearing masks to prevent the spread of COVID-19</u>".

#### **Short Term Vacation Rental Providers**

On August 7, 2020 the Provincial Health Office issued the <u>Gathering and Events Order</u> which applies to the owners of *vacation accommodation*\* properties:

- Owners are required to ensure the new limit on gatherings at vacation accommodation properties is followed. A maximum of five individuals may attend a social gathering or an event in vacation accommodation, beyond the occupants of the accommodation property.
- Owners must require that a tenant, guest or other person using the accommodation property complies with this order limiting gatherings and events.

\*The Order defines "vacation accommodation" as a house, townhouse, cottage, cabin, apartment, condominium, mobile home, recreational vehicle, hotel suite, tent, yurt, houseboat or any other type of living accommodation and associated deck, garden or yard, when used for vacation purposes by the owner, tenant, guest or any other person.

Stay up to date by <u>signing up for the District's UkeeMail</u> and by regularly visiting these Federal and Provincial links: <u>Government of Canada - Coronavirus (COVID-19) Outbreak Update</u> <u>Government of British Columbia COVID-19 Provincial Support and Information</u> <u>BC Centre for Disease Control's COVID-19 Data</u>

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

For more information please visit the COVID-19 Updates and Resources page at <u>ucluelet.ca</u> or contact the District of Ucluelet at 250-726-7744.