



NEWS RELEASE

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CSR D CANCELS ALL NON-ESSENTIAL MEETINGS UNTIL MAY 21

Directors of the Columbia Shuswap Regional District (CSR D) supported the continued cancellation of all non-essential meetings until the next Regular CSR D Board Meeting scheduled for May 21, 2020.

This includes the cancellation of meetings such as: Advisory Planning Commission, Parks Advisory Committee, public hearings, and community meetings such as the Sorrento-Blind Bay Incorporation Study Advisory Committee meeting.

The Board gave Chief Administrative Officer Charles Hamilton the ability to determine what constitutes an essential meeting, as some matters will still need to be addressed. This includes a special meeting of the Shuswap Economic Development Committee set for Friday, April 17. This meeting will be considering the economic impacts of the COVID-19 situation, and as such, has been deemed essential. All essential meetings will respect the current physical distancing regulations and may include the use of technology to allow for remote participation.

As electronic participation in meetings is likely to be required for some time, the Board also decided it would not enforce a CSR D procedure that limited the remote attendance of Board Directors to four consecutive meetings.

Plans for the CSR D to hold its May 21 Regular Board Meeting in Silver Creek as part of the annual Board on the Road program were postponed to a future time. Instead the meeting will be held in the CSR D Boardroom. The grand opening of the Salmon River Parallel Trail had also been set to coincide with the May Board Meeting, however, this community celebration will also be postponed.

The CSR D will re-evaluate the COVID-19 situation and make a determination regarding the cancellation of any future meetings at the May 21 Regular Board Meeting.

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the CSR D administrative offices remain closed with most CSR D staff working remotely. A greatly reduced number of staff are working from the office, operating with the appropriate physical distancing restrictions. Staff will continue to respond to public needs via email and telephone.

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