



NEWS RELEASE

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CSR D EXTENDS COVID-19 REMOTE WORK, COMMITTEE MEETING PROVISIONS

In light of the recent uptick in the number of COVID-19 cases in BC, Columbia Shuswap Regional District (CSR D) Directors voted on Thursday, August 20, 2020 to support continued measures to assist in the reduction of the spread of the virus.

This includes an extension to the CSR D's support for regional district staff to continue to work from home where feasible.

The CSR D closed its administrative office on March 20, 2020 in response to directives from the Provincial Health Officer with staff working remotely. Since that time, the office was able to re-open to the public in a phased manner beginning June 8, 2020.

As part of the CSR D's Return to Work COVID-19 Recovery Plan and Guide, the CSR D was supportive of staff continuing to work remotely as much as possible with the goal of bringing the full complement of staff back into the administrative office by the end of August.

Now, the Board has agreed to extend the phase-in period for a full staff return to the administration office until November 30, 2020.

The CSR D office will continue to remain open to the public from 9 to 4 PM, Monday through Friday, excluding statutory holidays. The public is strongly encouraged to contact staff through telephone or email or to make an appointment if an in-person visit to the office is necessary. This will assist in maintaining the required physical distancing and reduce exposure to the virus.

In addition, the CSR D will continue to restrict all meetings deemed non-essential. Meetings may be authorized to proceed on a case-by-case basis at the discretion of the CSR D's Chief Administrative Officer or designate. Meeting dates and information are available on the events calendar of the CSR D website.

CSR D Directors, however, have directed staff to look at options for resuming non-essential committee meetings, as it is increasingly unlikely that provincial COVID-19 restrictions on public gatherings will be relaxed in the near future.

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