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CSR D MOVES TO SUPPORT NEW PROVINCIAL HEALTH MEASURES

In response to direction from Provincial Health Officer Dr. Bonnie Henry, the Columbia Shuswap Regional District (CSR D) is making adjustments to continue to ensure the safety of the public and staff.

As of October 30, the CSR D had already required the use of masks in its administration office and all other CSR D-owned facilities. As a result, there will be no changes to the CSR D's mask-wearing procedure, as it already aligns with the new provincial orders.

The CSR D administration office in Salmon Arm will remain open for regular business hours, however, staff are still encouraged to work remotely as much as possible. The public is strongly encouraged to conduct any business with the CSR D by telephone or email and to make appointments for in-person visits. This will help limit personal contact and ensure strict observation of physical distancing requirements.

During the time frame of the new Provincial Health Orders, which are in place until December 7, 2020, CSR D meetings will be converted to virtual sessions as much as possible. Information on public attendance for specific meetings will be made available on the Events Tab of the CSR D's website, under the date of the scheduled meeting.

CSR D-owned recreational facilities will remain open, however, as per the new health requirements, all social or community events will not be permitted at this time. Facilities bookings will be reviewed and cancellations may occur.

The CSR D is awaiting further direction from the Province and associated agencies including, ViaSport and the British Columbia Recreation and Parks Association (BCRPA). Their guidance will allow the CSR D to work with facility contract managers on any enhanced COVID-19 safety measures. This may mean additional restrictions in the coming days or weeks.

Essential fire training will take place for CSR D firefighters at their individual fire halls, although efforts are being made to move to virtual training options as much as possible.

The CSR D is also aware of the recommended restrictions on non-essential travel. While work is deemed an essential activity, the CSR D will be reviewing all staff trips outside and within the region to keep travel to a minimum.

At the same time, we want to reiterate our message to CSR D citizens that while it might be tempting to travel, the best choice continues to be follow the guidance of our Provincial Health Officer – for now, stay at home, stay safe, and help keep those around you safe as well.



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