

Covid-19 Update – March 23, 2020

Further to the media release provided by Mayor Rod Peters on March 16th, 2020; the Mayor and Council, as are our residents, are facing challenging times with the serious health concern posed by the Covid-19 pandemic. Your local government will do its best to in this trying time to relay information relating to its operations while at the same conveying directives or instructions that directly are passed on to us by the Provincial Medical Health Officer.

The Covid-19 virus can and must be stopped if all of us take the necessary steps to contain it:

- Practice social distancing and avoid close proximity to others while in public spaces;
- Avoid physical contact through handshakes or hugging;
- Please stay away from public parks;
- Prepare to stay at home;
- Wash your hands, and often; and
- <u>Stop the Spread of Covid-19</u>.

This is a time of anxiety and stress for many of us, so please refer to:

Managing COVID-19 Stress, Anxiety and Depression

We will continue to maintain our essential services and other services on a limited basis. All washrooms have been closed in concert with similar directives imposed by local governments in the Regional District. The health of our employees and the public are of utmost concern.

A big thank to all the businesses which have taken extraordinary measures to serve us during this challenging time. Please refer to measures put in place by your service providers on how they would accommodate your needs by directly contacting them.

Please keep referring to Island Health for daily updates.

Mayor and Council