

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE March 30, 2021

'City working to help Businesses through the "Circuit Breaker"

DUNCAN – The City of Duncan recognizes that the new Provincial Health Orders put in place Monday, March 29th, will once again provide a difficult time for businesses. The City will follow previous initiatives implemented to assist meeting distancing requirements:

- 1. Restaurants and coffee shops can temporarily utilize their own on-site parking areas, without application, so long as all other current provincial and municipal requirements are followed.
- 2. General retail businesses, or liquor primary establishments, can apply to use their own on-site parking areas; staff will expedite the review of these applications.
- Restaurants, coffee shops, liquor primary, and any retail establishment can apply to use portions of nearby streets, parking, or public property; staff will expedite the review of these applications. Businesses can fill out and submit a Work on City Property Application, available on the City website.
- 4. On April 6, 2021 Council will consider an extension to waiver of permit fees and deposits for the Work on City Property Permits for these instances.
- 5. Any business can use the sidewalk, without permit, so long as they leave 4 feet for pedestrian passage.

City Hall is open for in-person financial transactions from Monday-Friday (statutory holidays exempt) with the following schedule:

- 8:30 am to 10:00 am for seniors or people who are immune compromised; and
- 10:00 am to 4:00 pm for all other customers.

Please enter City hall by the rear door, always wear a mask, and use the hand sanitizer at the entrance. Please exit through the front doors only.

Preferably, City Hall staff can be reached by phone 250-746-6126 or duncan@duncan.ca

If you have any questions on these processes, or other ideas that may assist you, please contact Peter de Verteuil, CAO, at 250-746-6126 or <u>peter@duncan.ca</u>

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