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## City of Duncan Implements Measures in Response to COVID-19

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DUNCAN, BC – The Cowichan Valley Regional District (CVRD), other member municipalities, First Nations, local school districts, and Island Health, continue to coordinate decision making through the Regional Emergency Operations Centre (REOC).

As directed by the provincial medical health officer, the City will be cancelling all events at City facilities, including City Square, parks, and sports fields, where there would be over 50 participants, including the Duncan Farmers' Market.

The CVRD, and other member municipalities, have decided to close recreation facilities throughout the Cowichan Valley as a necessary precaution to limit the spread of COVID-19. In addition, the Vancouver Island Regional Library has announced today that library branches will be closed. Along with our CVRD partners, the City is reviewing essential service levels across all aspects of our workforce, recognizing that this situation is likely to worsen and will require some limitations of service levels. We are putting measures in place to protect the health and well-being of both our staff and the public. We continue to follow the direction of the provincial health officer.

At this time, City Hall and Public Works remain open to the public; however, please consider conducting your business by phone 250-746-6126, email [duncan@duncan.ca](mailto:duncan@duncan.ca) or through the website (complaints and payments) [www.duncan.ca](http://www.duncan.ca) for the foreseeable future.

All public meetings will be cancelled until further notice. Special Council meetings will be held as needed, and the public will still be able to participate through electronic means. Questions about any agenda item can be submitted to the Director of Corporate Services in advance of the meeting by phone or by email.

“Working together is what will see us through these times. Today Council considered how we can continue to support staff, local businesses, residents and vulnerable populations. We will have more to report on this in the coming days,” said Mayor Staples. “Know that many people are working tirelessly and remember that caring for each other is essential.”

If you are experiencing symptoms of COVID-19, or have been exposed to the virus, please call HealthLink at 8-1-1.

It is anticipated the REOC will convene daily for the foreseeable future to assess the evolving situation with representatives from partner governments and agencies, and continue to share information with the public.

### COVID-19 Information Links:

- [Health Canada](#)
- [World Health Organization](#)
- [BC Centre for Disease Control](#)
- [HealthLinkBC](#)

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