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Town of Gibsons Implements Additional Measures to Help Prevent Spread of Coronavirus (COVID-19)

March 17, 2020 – With COVID-19 continuing to spread both globally and locally (i.e. within the region administered by Vancouver Coastal Health), the Town of Gibsons is implementing further measures to help prevent or slow the spread of the virus. These include:

Town Hall will be closed to the public as of Wednesday, March 18, 2020. Instead, staff from the administrative, finance, planning, and infrastructure services teams will continue to provide regular Town Hall services by phone or email, as much as possible. Citizens are asked to please call 604.886.2274 for more information on how to conduct Town-related business at this time.

The Town's Public Works and Parks & Recreation teams will also continue working to provide regular Town services, such as water, sanitary sewer and ongoing maintenance. Garbage and organic waste collection is expected to continue as usual.

For all departments, the Town is implementing steps to limit contact between employees. These include allowing some employees to work from home, staggering some shifts and separating physical workspaces. As a result, the public is being asked to be patient if there is a delayed response to their enquiries.

The public is also asked to note that all SCRD recreation facilities, community halls, and sports fields have been closed until further notice. This includes the Gibsons and Area Community Centre, the Gibsons Aquatic Centre, the Gibsons Public Library, and Brothers Park sports field.

The Committee-of-the-Whole meetings, public hearing and Council meeting set for Tuesday, March 17, 2020 will proceed as planned, with limited gallery seating available. Any residents who have flu-like symptoms, who may have come into contact with someone who has been diagnosed with COVID-19, or who have recently returned from travel outside of Canada are asked not to attend.

Audio recordings of the meetings are available at www.gibsons.ca/audio-files and the minutes for all Council meetings can be found at gibsons.civicweb.net/portal/.

Regular updates on how COVID-19 is impacting the Town's operations are being shared through the Sunshine Coast Emergency Operations Centre, as well as via a dedicated webpage (www.gibsons.ca/covid-19), the Town's digital newsletter and social media.

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