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Town of Gibsons Announces New Mask Policy for All Worksites

November 5, 2020 – The Town of Gibsons today announced that it will implement a new mask policy inside all Town-operated facilities, beginning Tuesday, November 17th.

Under the new policy, all members of the public who enter a Town-operated facility (including Town Hall) must wear a mask or other item designed to cover the mouth and nose. Employees of the Town will wear masks whenever they interact with the public.

Disposable masks will be available for anyone who requires one, and all established safety protocols, such as reduced occupancy, plexiglass barriers and hand sanitizer, will remain in place.

“Recently, Dr. Bonnie Henry stated that her expectation is that people who go to indoor public spaces will wear a mask,” said Mayor Bill Beamish. *“She also said that she expects community leaders to be a role model in implementing superior measures in the effort to prevent the spread of COVID-19. For these reasons, as well as the rising infection rates we have seen in recent weeks across BC, the Town has decided to move from encouraging mask-wearing when inside our premises to mandating it.”*

People who will be exempted from the new policy include children under the age of five and people with disabilities that make mask-wearing difficult. Any other people who refuse to wear a mask inside a Town of Gibsons-operated building will be denied in-person service.

“A large majority of Town services may be easily accessed by phone or email,” said Beamish. *“Similarly, our citizens may make any required payments to the Town through their regular online banking applications. Since early in the pandemic, we have encouraged people to utilize these off-site services whenever possible, and we continue to do so now.”*

For more information about the Town’s COVID-19 Safety Plan, as well as the status of other municipal services, please visit: gibsons.ca/covid-19-town-services.

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