

# PREVENTION IS KEY

Prevent the spread of Coronavirus (COVID-19)



**WASH YOUR HANDS OFTEN**  
with soap and water for at least 30 seconds or use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.



**AVOID TOUCHING**  
your eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands. Avoid close contact with people when you are sick.



**STAY HOME IF YOU ARE SICK**



**COVER YOUR MOUTH AND NOSE**  
with a tissue or your sleeve (not your hands) when coughing or sneezing.

For accurate, up-to-date information and updates on COVID-19, please visit:  
Vancouver Coastal Health: [www.vch.ca](http://www.vch.ca)  
BC Centre for Disease Control: [www.bccdc.ca](http://www.bccdc.ca)



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## NRRM To Participate In Charge North Initiative

Regional Council approved NRRM participation in the Charge North Initiative for the installation of one Level 2 Electric Vehicle (EV) charging station, and will review further participation in one year.

As technology advances and strategies towards renewable energy increase there is a demand for (EV) charging station in communities. In December 2019, the NRRM was contacted by Charge North with an opportunity to install a Level 2 charging station at a reduced cost of \$6,000 through their facilitated project.

The need for public EV charging stations continues to rise and is important to the tourism industry, new residents and industry development. Over the last few years the Fort Nelson Visitor Information Center has had an increase in people planning trips through and to the Northern Rockies Region with EV's and a small handful are using alternative solutions to allow for travel throughout the region.

The demand for EV charging stations will continue to rise and Charge North, a community-led initiative to develop a EV charging network, is helping to facilitate travel within central and northern BC.

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## Covid-19 Information Update

Regional Council is focused on the ever-changing COVID-19 situation and the NRRM continues to work with various agencies and monitor all new information as it arises. The NRRM continues to participate in daily calls to Emergency Management B.C. (EMBC) and communicate regularly with the RCMP and Northern Health Authority to share information.

The NRRM webpage is updated daily, to help you keep current with evolving information as it is released from the various agencies. Organizationally, the NRRM is continually working to reduce the risk of exposure by practicing social distancing, increasing sanitizing procedures to high risk areas, adding additional hand sanitizing stations and promoting prevention.

Check out the [NRRM COVID-19 Webpage](#) for the most up-to-date information from the Municipality.

## WHAT IS SOCIAL DISTANCING?

Social distancing means avoiding close contact with others to prevent the spread of COVID-19 and can include:



Avoiding non-essential trips in the community



Limiting, postponing or cancelling gatherings



Working from home, where possible



Conducting meetings virtually



Keeping kids away from group settings



Avoiding visits to long-term care homes and other care settings

**Keep a distance of 6 feet from others when going for walks or shopping for groceries.**

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## Municipal Innovation Survey Presentation

Jennifer Moore, Manager of Consulting Services—[MNP LLP](#) provided a [presentation](#) via teleconference to Regional Council regarding innovation and local governments across western Canada. Municipalities were represented and the diverse group presented unique insights and similarities on how they are managing innovation. Through January and February 2019 MNP surveyed dozens of local governments across western Canada identifying challenges facing local government (for more information, read the [Survey Report](#)). These were identified as aging infrastructure, decreasing revenues, changes in services expectation and increases in capital funding requests. Solutions across the provinces had three overlapping themes identified as collaboration, communication and technology. Some next steps included innovation through funding, approach and attitude. The possibilities can be linked to optimizing existing services to transforming initiatives that focus on developing breakthroughs for services needs that don't yet exist.

## NRRM Security Update

Regional Council received an update on the organization's technological security. Enhanced security protocols and system improvements have been established and more work is ongoing to ensure that the NRRM is well-protected.

Some of these enhancements include: restricting off-site access to data servers, password retention and complexity policies, investing in additional backup equipment, enhanced security awareness training, and security audits from outside organizations.

The NRRM is continuing to work to improve the organization's technical security based on guidance from a security audit.

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CouncilCast



Did you know that you can watch Regional Council meetings (even special meetings) from the comfort of your own home?

Click to visit the new YouTube channel by searching NRRM or accessing <https://www.northernrockies.ca/councilcast>

## Also of note...

Regional Council gave first, second and third readings to the: [Regional Council Procedure Amendment \(Emergency Electronic Participation\) Bylaw No 180, 2020. Bylaw Report No.180/20](#)

Regional Council received the [February 2020 Recreation Centre Statistics](#) for information.

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