

Help limit the spread of COVID-19



MASKS REQUIRED



Masks are mandatory in public indoor spaces in BC, including municipal facilities. Employees and visitors not wearing masks will be asked to leave.

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From the Bear Pit

Regional Council Newsletter

November 23, 2020

Procedure Bylaw Changes

At the [November 9, 2020 Regional Council](#) meeting, Council gave consideration to a number of items flagged through a review of [Regional Council Procedure Bylaw No. 01, 2009](#). Staff was requested to provide more information about the current method of recording discussion-based minutes versus the proposed method of decision-based minutes. The change is being proposed as a consequence of the municipality moving to streaming/recording of council meetings, resulting in comprehensive minutes being less critical now that recordings are available for reference.

Council agreed that the change would be positive, and noted that many other local governments had moved to decision-based minutes already.

The change will require amendment of the Procedure Bylaw. Once in effect, the public can expect to see minutes that are much shorter, as they will record the decisions and corresponding resolution of council only. Minutes will also be “time-stamped” or linked to the relevant section of the recorded meeting for reference and clarification.

[Administration Report #85/20](#) | [SAMPLE Decision-Based Minutes](#)

ON HOLD

Recreation Programs On Hold

In light of the recent Public Health Order COVID-19 restrictions, all fitness and dance classes are temporarily paused until further notice. Your account will be credited for the cancelled class/es as soon as possible. As soon as these restrictions are lifted, or we learn more we will be sure to let you know.

We apologize for the inconvenience this may cause. Thank you for your continued understanding and support as we adjust to these changing guidelines.

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

Click to visit the municipal YouTube channel by searching NRRM or accessing

www.NorthernRockies.ca/councilcast

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Also of note...

- Received for information: [Correspondence from Fort Nelson and District Chamber of Commerce Executive Director, Bev Vandersteen](#) acknowledging municipal efforts to increase opportunities for local businesses to engage in municipal projects.

COVID-19: Updated Provincial Health Orders

The Province of British Columbia has extended the current Provincial Health Orders (PHO) that were to expire on November 23. [The PHOs will now be in effect until December 7, 2020](#). A new PHO requires that all individuals, places of work and businesses in B.C. must significantly reduce social interactions and travel. Masks are now mandatory in all public indoor and retail spaces in B.C.

This means, until December 7, 2020 at midnight:

No social gatherings of any size with anyone other than your household or core bubble. For example:

- Do not invite friends or extended family to your household
- Do not gather outdoors
- Do not gather in your backyard
- Do not have playdates for children

All events and community-based gatherings as defined in the [PHO order – Gatherings and Events \(PDF\)](#) are suspended. For example:

- Galas
- Musical or theatre performances
- Seasonal activities
- Silent auctions

Core bubble

For most people, their core bubble is their immediate household. For others, their core bubble may contain a partner, relative, friend or co-parent who lives in a different household. This should be a maximum of two people outside of those living in your immediate household.

An immediate household is:

- A group of people who live in the same dwelling.

For example:

- If you have a rental suite in your home, the suite is a separate household.
- If you live in an apartment or house with roommates, you are all members of the same household.

People who live alone

People who live alone cannot host gatherings. They can continue to see the same one or two people of their core bubble at each other's homes.

Travel

The province is advising against all non-essential travel throughout B.C. Until December 7, 2020, all British Columbians are being asked to stay in their own community and leave only for essential reasons such as work and health care appointments.

- Received for information: [Correspondence from Deputy Solicitor General Mark Sieben, Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General](#) regarding the meeting during the Union of BC Municipalities Annual General Meeting that previous Minister Farnworth held with NRRM Council. The Deputy Solicitor General commended the municipality's work toward establishing 9-1-1 service and increasing connectivity in the region.

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