

Update to the COMMUNITY, Please Share.

Due to the Unprecedented Covid-19 virus that has spread all around the globe.

Village council has changed the council venue from the Auditorium to a VIRTUAL meeting (call In). Councillors, media, and public will be able to call in to this meeting. Our staff will soon give instructions on the steps and protocol. The Mayor and Village Director of Finance will be the only ones in council chambers to keep the meeting agenda in order. This meeting is first of its kind and we will do our best to work together through this learning curve.

As Mayor, Council, Staff, and the community WE MUST all work together. All Mayors RDCK chairs and CAO's are now on conferences calls beginning weekly with Dr. Henry and other Ministers, and we will continue to give updates to the community as instructed.

Take back from our meeting today was:

- We are under a Provincial State of Emergency.
 - Impact is significant, days ahead are of unknown/uncertain, do not know how long, economically, along with the social impact.
 - We must as a community remain calm, and have strength, along with open dialogue.
 - This will be a open whole Government approach (Local to Provincial).
 - Upcoming daily series of IH Ministry updated orders that will be on compliance, "these will be orders and not suggestions," and are orders restricting gatherings and others, and must comply with these upcoming orders.
 - Critical for all to understand is as a community we are in this all together and on the same side, including local and provincial governments.
 - BC is in a strong position to keep everyone safe, and keep the supply chain continuing.
 - Education is the big component that we need to stress!!
 - Calm, social distancing, will require community leaders to help educate, mobilize staff and others to help deliver messaging in a safe social distancing manner.
 - Enforcement - we must educate first, second enforcement including help from our local RCMP force and Village Bylaw officers.
 - "Stay home." Our front-line workers need to stay as healthy as possible; they risk their lives daily, we don't need to compromise them. One of them may save our lives. (quote from Delores D)
- "We as a community working collaboratively together will get through this, and we need to think of creative safe social distancing ways of helping one another to get through this."
- We all must continue to remain focused on keeping everyone healthy hour by hour and day by day.

Please continue to monitor the BC Centre for Disease Control website on COVID-19 for updates, information, and resources on best practices: www.bccdc.ca/covid19. also visit <https://news.interiorhealth.ca/covid-19/>

Sincerely

Tom Zeleznik, Mayor

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