

Public Statement

Municipal Response to COVID-19 Alert Level 3

May 29, 2020

The Bishop's Falls Town Council continues to assess the public health guidance/direction relating to COVID-19, including the provincial alert level system. When the province moves to alert level 3, the municipality will respond as follows:

- (1) The Town Hall will reopen to public access by appointment only. To schedule an appointment, please contact the Town Hall at 258 6581 or email info@bishopsfalls.ca. Visitors to the Town Hall must adhere to public health measures that include, among others, maintaining 6' from employees. Visitors will be given instructions relating to public health measures before appointments. Please note the suspension of the credit card convenience fee ends with alert level 3.
- (2) The Fallsview Municipal Park will remain closed for camping. The Town has reviewed the "*Guidance for Campgrounds*" document, which was recently issued by the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador, and has determined opening the Park for camping is not feasible given the restrictions and requirements.
- (3) The Fallsview Municipal Park will remain open to public access for recreational salmon angling, walking, running, etc.
- (4) The Community Garden will remain open under physical distancing restrictions. Ten (10) people will be permitted in the garden at any time, but they must respect the physical distancing restrictions (i.e. 2 meters apart) unless they are members of the same bubble.
- (5) The Riverside Drive boardwalk will remain open under physical distancing restrictions. Residents are permitted to walk in one direction, from west to east, and they must respect the physical distancing restrictions (i.e. 2 meters apart) unless they are members of the same bubble.
- (6) The Pat O'Reilly Memorial Stadium, playgrounds, and the skateboard park will remain closed.
- (7) The Faulkner Recreation Complex will open for medium-risk outdoor activities (i.e. team field sports) at alert level 3; however, spectators must maintain physical distancing.
- (8) Departments will begin to resume normal operations, with employees returning to their workplaces in compliance with public health measures; however, activities will be evaluated and adjusted/cancelled based on the provincial alert level system requirements. Programs and services will continue to see impacts as a result of COVID-19, and we appreciate the understanding and cooperation of residents.

The Town Council will continue to monitor the situation surrounding COVID-19 and will adjust its response where possible and as required.