

District of Kitimat COVID-19 Community Update

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The District of Kitimat has been taking a diligent, proactive approach to ensure our community is moving ahead during these unprecedented times. This includes the launch of Kitimat's Vulnerable Peoples and Economic Recovery taskforces which are both progressing to serve the community.

Recycling Update

Kitimat Understanding the Environment (KUTE) will resume limited recycling services following a complete closure due to COVID-19.

Upon re-opening, KUTE will be only accepting cardboard.

Residential Users	Commercial Users
Tuesdays and Wednesdays, 12:30 pm – 4:30 pm	Mondays, 9:00 am – 4:00 pm Tuesdays and Wednesdays, 9:00 am – 12:00 pm

Please adhere to all rules for the safety of employees, yourself, and the community. Please expect delays when accessing the KUTE facility. Posted hours are subject to early closure once capacity is reached. Solutions for the recycling of other products has not been identified at this time.

Kitimat's Off-Leash Dog Park is Open

The dog park is open to the public again. Please practice physical distancing while at the park, and return later if it appears to be crowded.

Government Rent Subsidies

Federal - A new federal rent subsidy program to help businesses forced to shut down due to COVID-19 was announced. The rent relief plan, to be funded jointly with the provinces, will provide non-repayable loans to commercial property owners to cover 50 per cent of rent payments for April, May and June.

For further details on this program visit <https://www.canada.ca/en/department-finance/economic-response-plan.html>

Provincial - The BC Government has recently implemented the BC Temporary Rental Supplement Program. The program gives tenants and landlords, who have been impacted by COVID-19, temporary support for rent payments. The program provides \$300 per month for eligible households with no dependents, and \$500 per month for eligible households with dependents.

Applications must be submitted before May 1 to qualify for three months of support. Applications submitted on or after May 1 will only be eligible for two months of support.

For more information and to see if you qualify for the program visit www.bchousing.org/bctrs.

Continue to Practice Physical Distancing While Outdoors

Physical and mental health are both very important while the world is dealing with the COVID-19 pandemic. Whether you are out for a hike, walking the dogs, or getting groceries, please remember to practice physical distancing. Let's keep doing our part to lessen the spread of COVID-19. We are all in this together.

Visit www.kitimat.ca for more information on these matters or how to keep Kitimat safe

Please Do Your Part to Prevent the Transmission of COVID-19 in Kitimat!



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