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MESSAGE FROM THE TOWN OF SMITHERS COUNCIL ON COVID-19

SMITHERS – Smithers Town Council support the direction being taken by our Administration to keep our Staff and the Public safe as we follow best practices for controlling the spread of COVID-19. This includes the closure of our arenas and limiting public access to town buildings. The Town Hall remains open to the public, although we ask you to consider alternate means of contacting Staff, such as telephone and email and making payments via electronic means.

Northern Health has also launched a COVID-19 Online Clinic and Information Line to help answer questions and concerns from Northern BC residents. The NH COVID-19 Online Clinic and Information Line can be reached at **1-844-645-7811**.

We urge everyone to do their part to control the spread of COVID-19.

Follow the steps outlined by our public health authorities:

- Wash your hands
- Practice social distancing
- Avoid large gatherings
- If you are sick, stay home
- ***Do not over shop.*** Buy only what you need, and offer to pick up items for neighbours who may not be able to get out

For detailed information on COVID-19 including prevention methods, the BC Centre for Disease Control website is an accurate source:

<http://www.bccdc.ca/health-info/diseases-conditions/covid-19>

For further information on COVID-19 and the Town's Operations please go to our website:

<http://www.smithers.ca/news/detail/2019-novel-coronavirus-covid-19-situation-summary>

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